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Pump prices up 20 cents on Saipan

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Shell Marianas followed suit in raising pump prices by 20 cents after Mobil Oil Marianas Inc. hiked its prices earlier in the week.

Mobil last Monday increased its pump prices, with regular gas now at $3.68 a gallon, while Super Unleaded is now $4 a gallon. Diesel saw an increase from $3.66 to $3.81 a gallon.

Shell, on the other hand, has made efforts to keep up with Mobil's rise in prices. The two gasoline stations traditionally mirror each other's gas increases and decreases.

Given that motorists had no choice but to purchase gas between the two oil companies, messenger/expediter Anthony Alegre shared with *Saipan Tribune* that he was used to it, and that it didn't surprise him anymore.

"I spent $30 for gas to keep my car running for five days. Now, I think that I'll only be getting four and a

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NMI biz alliance to tap lobby group

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Local business leaders formed the non-profit corporation Northern Marianas Business Alliance to tap the services of D.C. Consultants, which in return would help the CNMI push the provisions that they want Congress to change.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce secretary Alex Sablan said the NMBA is an organization that was set up to explain to the businesses and companies that employ workers under the CW-1 program that they need D.C. Consultants' help.

"It is going to cost us a bit of money and we're soliciting for support. We need D.C. Consultants so that the provisional changes that [the CNMI government and businesses] worked on would push forward," said Sablan.

NMBA is different from the Chamber and the Strategic Economic Development Council. "The basic goal of [NMBA] is to take what the SEDC gives and pursue legislation in the U.S. Congress," added Sablan.

Bob Jones is the NMBA chair with Gloria Cavanagh as secretary-treasurer, and Chamber president Velma Palacios and Society for Human Resources Management-NMI Chapter head Josephine Mesta as representatives. Richard Pierce is

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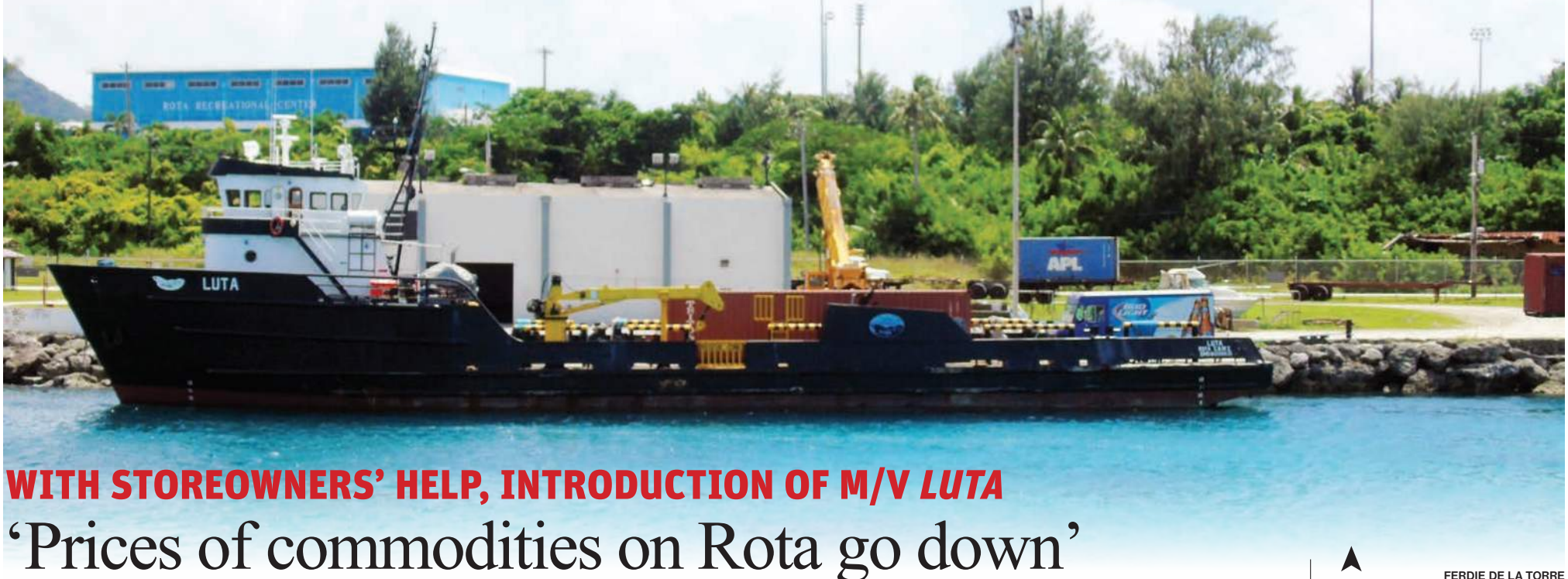

FERDIE DE LA TORRE
The controversial cargo ship M/V *Luta* is docked at the West Marina on Rota last Saturday. According to Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig, the introduction of the cargo ship has helped the prices of commodities on island go down.

WITH STOREOWNERS' HELP, INTRODUCTION OF M/V *LUTA*

'Prices of commodities on Rota go down'

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ROTA—The prices of commodities on Rota used to be 30 to 35 percent higher compared to Saipan, but with storeowners' help and the introduction of cargo ship M/V *Luta*, it is now only 25 percent higher, according to Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig.

In an interview, Atalig said the storeowners themselves realized that they need to help people of the island by lowering their prices.

In addition to that, Atalig said, the operation of M/V *Luta* has helped bring prices down.

"So it works between the merchants and the shipping company. I believe between these two working partners, we will be able to bring the prices down further," the mayor pointed out.

Contrary to misconception that M/V *Luta* is just sitting idle on Rota, Atalig said it is very active, bringing in commodities, canned goods, cars, and equipment to the island.

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Local

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Local GOP remains behind Trump

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said the local Republican Party remains behind GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump despite the vulgar language he used in a leaked audio recording of his conversation with then-television host Billy Bush.

Trump is in a heated battle with Democratic Party nominee and former State Secretary Hillary Clinton with the seat at the Oval Office at stake.

Bush is a member of the Bush political family with former presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, his uncle and cousin respectively. Ex-Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who also sought the Republican presidential nomination, is also his cousin.

Torres said yes when asked if the CNMI Republican Party still supports Trump's presidential bid. He, however, added that the local GOP does not tolerate Trump's comments toward women in the audiotape.

"I'm not happy with the comments that came out, although, the incident happened almost 10 years ago," said Torres, who added that the issues of the U.S. territories would be addressed under a Trump presidency.

"But, nevertheless, our issues to be addressed at the national level has always been our goal. Myself and Gov. Eddie Calvo (Guam), that's the only opportunity for us to be co-chair of [a committee for] Pacific Islanders."

"It is really a milestone for us [U.S. territories] to be acknowledged. We never had that acknowledgement before. I may not agree with the comments made but, nevertheless, our issues are still there and need to be addressed at the national level," Torres said.

The GOP, during the national convention last July, unveiled plans to appoint an advisory committee consisting of representatives from the five U.S. territories that was among those included and unanimously adopted in their party platform.

Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan), another local GOP stalwart, said Trump's statements were uncalled for. "I may not be in the position to talk but I don't tolerate what he said and those kinds of actions."

"It is not appropriate. We treat women with utmost respect and dignity. They are not brought up in this world for that kind of vile language and demeanor. It was so sad that he had to say something like that. It is uncalled for to hear that statement from him," Guerrero added.

The local GOP, in a statement on Monday, condemned Trump's remarks in the 2005 recording that surfaced last week. The audio conversation with Billy Bush had Trump saying that he could get away with forcing himself on women since he's a celebrity.

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Michael Jackson retrial starts; Roberto's bench trial resumes

The retrial of Michael Anthony Jackson on charges of kidnapping and raping a then-15-year-old girl on Saipan started yesterday in the Superior Court.

As this developed, the bench trial of Andres B. Roberto, a man accused of sexually assaulting a girl on Saipan, resumed yesterday before Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja.

In Jackson's retrial, the prosecution called to the witness stand Ferdinand Martin, who was then a security guard at Skyway Café and Poker in Dandan.

Martin said he was on duty at that time when a girl, who is the alleged victim in this case, came suddenly to their establishment between 3:30am to 4am on Oct. 9, 2010.

Martin said the girl, who was crying, went straight to their restroom. After 5 to 10 minutes, the girl went out so Martin asked her if she was okay. He said the girl did not reply and that he later saw her go inside a car.

The trial will resume today, Wednesday.

Assistant attorneys general Betsy Weintraub and Shannon Foley are prosecuting the case. Defense attorney Charles Reyes Jr. is court-appointed counsel for Jackson.

On April 26, 2013, the jury found Jackson guilty of kidnapping and sexual assault in the first degree. Camacho, who decided on the misdemeanor charge, also found the defendant guilty of assault.

On May 15, 2013, Camacho slapped the then-34-year-old Jackson with a maximum jail term of 40 years and six months without the possibility of parole.

Jackson appealed. He asked the CNMI High Court to reverse his convictions and remand the matter for a new trial, or in the alternative, for re-sentencing.

Last Dec. 30, the CNMI Supreme Court reversed the conviction and remanded Jackson's case to the Superior Court for a new trial.

The justices ruled that the trial court erred in not repeating substantive jury instructions at the close of evidence.

Police said the girl had just come from an Internet café and was walking along Tun Joaquin Doi Road in Finasisu on her way home on Oct. 9, 2010, at about 1am when Jackson forced her into his car, brought her to an open field at the Saipan arport, and raped her inside his car. He then forced the girl to smoke methamphetamine or "ice."

The girl later managed to run away, police said.

In Roberto's case, the bench trial started last Aug. 22, but was postponed due to some legal issues. The trial resumed yesterday with the prosecution calling some more witnesses.

Defense attorney Joaquin Torres is counsel for Roberto.

Assistant attorney general Jonathan Robert Glass Jr. is prosecuting the case.

Roberto, 49, allegedly handed $60 for a fundraiser to the 14-year-old girl, then hugged her, kissed her on the mouth, squeezed her breast, and rubbed her butt in the back of a house in the evening of April 19, 2016.

The girl said she pushed Roberto away, threw the money back at him, and ran into the house.

Police said because of the incident, the girl was so traumatized that her mother once saw her in possession of a knife on her bed as she wanted to kill herself.

Roberto is on trial for sexual assault of a minor in the third degree, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

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REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF THE GUALO RAI YOUTH CENTER

Governor Ralph DLg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Repair and Renovation of the Gualo Rai Youth Center**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **October 12, 2016** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **October 28, 2016 , 9:00 a.m. local time** at Project Site, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 03, 2016** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, September 28, 2016.** However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on September 17, 2016.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

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All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Appeal vs invalidation of contingency fees under advisement

The CNMI Supreme Court has placed under advisement the appeal of attorneys Antonio Atalig and Reynaldo Yana against Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo's order invalidating the contingent fee agreements they entered with the estate of Angel Malite and Govendo's subsequent order reducing their award of attorneys' fees.

Then-Superior Court Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama awarded in 2006 $1.25 million in attorneys' fees to Atalig and Yana for their work securing the $3.4 million that the Marianas Public Land Authority paid the Malite estate in settlement for a parcel of land.

In June 2012, Govendo awarded Atalig and Yana only $75,525 in attorneys' fees and ordered them to return $1.2 million plus interest to the Malite estate.

CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona and Justices Pro Tem Timothy H. Bellas and Robert J. Torres Jr. heard Atalig and Yana's appeal last week.

Atalig argued on his behalf and for Yana. Attorney Tiberius Mocanu argued as counsel for the Malite estate.

Atalig argued that the contingent fee agreements were valid, or in the alternative, that the attorneys' fee award was improperly reduced.

Atalig and Yana claim Govendo erred when he invalidated the contingent fee agreements and when he reduced the attorney fee.

Atalig argued that this case started in 1969 when a probate was opened for the Malite estate during the Trust Territory High Court.

Atalig said he started in 1995 providing legal services to Jesus Tudela, then administrator of Malite estate with respect to the Texas Road land exchange and wetland compensation.

Atalig said it's been 21 years of his life that he has been engaged in this case.

"We are appealing the validity of the trial court's decision with respect to contingency fee," he said.

Atalig said the cases cited by Govendo in invalidating the contingency fee were totally false, a misrepresentation to the judiciary and to the Commonwealth.

Atalig said when the $3.4 million was awarded, it was a civil matter and not in the probate proceedings.

Atalig said there was no objection to his contingency fee, but when the award of his attorney's fee was made by Lizama in 2006, that's when they received objection from an heir represented by attorney Stephen Nutting.

Atalig said there was no hearing made on his itemized billings.

He said he and Yana submitted their report on fees, but Govendo was not satisfied so they submitted the second billings and accounting.

Atalig said he took the case out of the goodness of his heart because the heirs have no money.

In their brief, Atalig argued that assuming that there is a law that authorizes the trial court to invalidate a contingent fee agreement short of fraud, Govendo's ruling that the contingent fee agreements entered into by Atalig and the heads of the Malite clan are invalid and unenforceable is not supported by substantial evidence.

Assuming that there is a law that requires the invalidation of contingent fee agreements, Atalig said the trial court's ruling that the contingent fee agreements are invalid and unenforceable is not supported by substantial evidence.

He added that the trial court's award of fees to him and Yana is unreasonable.

Mocanu argued that the attorney's fees that Atalig charged was unreasonable.

Mocanu said there is no evidence that there was a special skill performed that led to the payment of $3.4 million.

Manglona told Mocanu that it is a fact that it is hard to get land compensation from the government.

"You need some negotiating skills or connections," Manglona said.

Mocanu said when Nutting was hired, the settlement negotiation started.

Manglona stated that "maybe Nutting had connection with the Attorney General at that time."

In appellee Malite estate's brief, Mocanu argued that Atalig and Yana had the burden to either prove that the contingent fee agreement was valid, or in the alternative that their billings were reasonable.

"They have done neither," Mocanu said.

Mocanu said the contingent fee agreement is clearly unconscionable as it was obtained by coercion, unsupported promises, and the withholding of necessary information.

"Most importantly, the risk involved—little to none—bore no relation to the fees the attorneys stood to receive from a settlement they knew was a sure thing," he said.

Mocanu said appellants engaged in clearly excessive billings, block billings, all of which were reconstructed after the fact in order to justify a fee that was fraudulently received and quickly squandered and hidden.

"The great weight of the evidence reveals a systematic pattern of lies, half-truths, and after-the-fact justification for egregious behavior," Mocanu said.

He said this is the fourth and fifth time the appellants have had to create a record and bring at least a scintilla of evidence to support any of their contention.

He said there is, in fact, no evidence to support a finding that there was a valid contingent fee agreement or that the fees sought by appellants are reasonable.

He urged the high court to affirm the probate court's findings and deem the contingent fee agreement void.

In his findings and final judgment issued in 2012, Govendo said after applying the factors listed in Rule 1.5 of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, he finds that Atalig's and Yana's attorneys' fees charged in this case are excessive and unreasonable.

Govendo said he finds that a total of $75,525 in attorneys' fees is reasonable. The judge explained in his findings the breakdown of the $75,525.

The judge ruled that the prior judgment of $1,288,500 awarded to Atalig and Yana is reduced to $1,212,975.

Govendo made the findings after an evidentiary hearing on Feb. 3, 2012.

The evidentiary hearing was held because the CNMI Supreme Court remanded to the Superior Court for a determination as to the reasonableness of attorneys' fees.

According to court records, after MPLT paid the Malite estate $3,450,000 in settlement for a parcel of land, Atalig and Yana sought $1,138,500 in attorney's fees.

After Lizama awarded the $1.1 million fees to Atalig and Yana, Malite heirs filed a motion arguing that the fees were unjustified and needed to be returned.

In response, Govendo ordered the two lawyers to temporarily return the money to the court pending a final determination on the appropriate fee award.

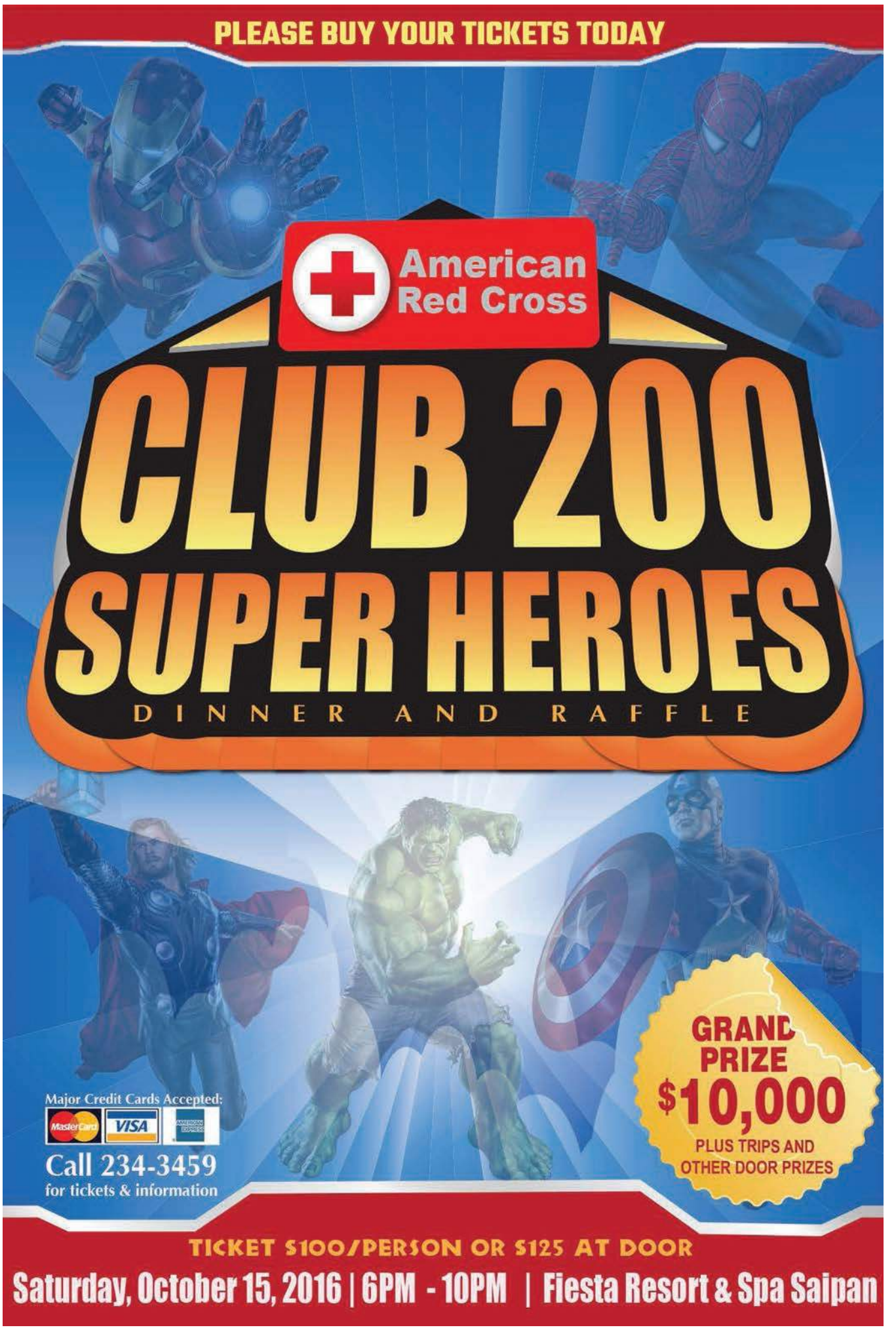
When Atalig and Yana refused, Govendo held them in civil contempt and threw them in jail until they complied. Govendo subsequently held that Atalig and Yana were not entitled to any attorney fees.

Atalig and Yana appealed to the Supreme Court. The high court freed the two on Dec. 24, 2009.

In December 2010, the high court ordered the Superior Court to conduct a hearing on the appropriate amount of attorney's fees to be awarded Atalig and Yana for work they performed for the Malite estate.

The high court ruled that when Atalig and Yana failed to comply with Govendo's order, Govendo was permitted to find them in contempt and incarcerate them.

In May 2012, then-Superior Court Associate Judge David Wiseman ordered the suspension of Atalig and Yana from practicing law in the CNMI for misconduct with regards to their refusal to return $1.1 million in attorneys' fees. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***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13 take oath as newest US citizens

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Attendees hold their certificates with Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy, middle left, and guest speaker William Bezzant, far left, on Oct. 11, 2016. MICHEL SANTOS

Thirteen took their oaths as U.S. citizens during a naturalization ceremony held yesterday at the Horiguchi Building in Garapan.

People of different origins—the Philippines, Dominican Republic, and South Korea—were presented their certifications under the supervision of Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy.

Ten from the Philippines and one from South Korea attended the ceremony. An attendee from the Dominican Republic was absent. Naturalized were Bernard Abendan, Sharon Abragan, Jenifer Dela Cruz, Francisco Mateo, Estenza Mojica, Julio Mojica, Jaycie Ordonez, Rosemarie Penaroyo, Remedios Reyes, Delia Sablan, Dhalian Sablan, Evelyn Techur, and Yong Nan Tydingco.

William Bezzant, chief deputy clerk of the U.S. District Court for the NMI and guest speaker, spoke about the concept of immigrants who leave their homeland to search for opportunities, and the countries that grow and develop because of their arrival.

"There have followed a continuous stream of immigrants to the United States of America, including my own ancestors from various countries in Europe and Scandanavia in the 1800's, until this day, today, where you now become the newest American citizens, here, where America's day begins," Bezzant said.

Evelyn Arriola Techur said she arrived on Saipan in 1978. "I was adopted at first. That's how I got here when I was a kid."

When asked about how she obtained her citizenship, Techur replied, "I got it from my husband since I wasn't able to fix my papers before my stepfather passed away."

Currently 51 years old, her first job was at the Hyatt Regency Saipan as an operator. She now works in the Department of Public Lands as their executive secretary.

"I guess I am now able to receive a lot of opportunities. It's amazing to be living in America considering all the freedom we are blessed with. I feel really excited. A little emotional, but definitely excited." Techur added.

Another naturalized U.S. citizen is Dhalian Alvarez Salas. Salas used to be a house worker but is now currently a helper at San Vicente Church. She is a widow of a U.S. citizen and has a 16-year-old child. Being 53 years old, she came on island on April 8, 1995. Having her green card for 10 years, Salas is overjoyed about finally being naturalized.

"I feel very happy about it because it's been something I've wanted for such a long time. It's not only for myself but for my child as well since I can get more opportunities. I am sincerely grateful, especially to God. Without him, I wouldn't be where I am today."

Bridge Capital donates $1K to Glushko Academy

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Bridge Capital LLC officials present founder and teacher of Glushko Ballet Academy, Anna Glushko (middle right), along with her students the $1,000 check on Oct. 11, 2016. MICHAEL SANTOS

Bridge Capital LLC presented another generous donation of $1,000 to a ballet academy located in Mount Carmel High School last Oct. 11. The academy is called Glushko Ballet Academy and is no stranger to donations received from Bridge Capital. The owner, Anna Glushko, is the founder and teacher of the class. Before coming to Saipan, Glushko graduated from Vladivostok University.

When asked about what made her want to open her own ballet academy, Glushko replied, "I think it's every dancers' dream after they finish their dancing career. I mean this is what I've been doing; I've been dancing since I was 7. I opened a ballet school on Saipan to see how it would do and it turned out to be very successful. Without even realizing it, we are now approaching our 15th year."

"I love my work. I actually don't really consider this work because it's like the saying, 'When you love what you do, you never work a day in your life,' so it applies to what I'm doing," Glushko added.

Glushko Ballet Academy offers classes to a variety of people. "We have children from as young as 3 years old. However, I also have ladies who already have their own grandchildren and they join in another group. As for males, we recently got two recruits, one being 9 and the other 11," she explained.

With the money they are getting from Bridge Capital, Glushko plans to use it for the academy's major performances starting in May.

"We really appreciate the help of Bridge Capital. We request donations from them because they're famous for supporting art, dance, and music and we're very happy and honored to receive it [donation]," Glushko said.

John Sario, executive assistant to John Baldwin, said, "John Baldwin and staff from Bridge Capital are direct supporters of anything that could help the community."

Bridge Capital vice president and chief operations officer Jody Jordahl was also present. "Bridge has been a long time supporter of the fine arts and performing arts ever since we've [Bridge Capital] been on island. We're so lucky to have such high caliber performer and teacher, Anna… and we are always looking forward to working with her."

Joe Guerrero, business and development manager of Bridge Capital, added, "Bridge Capital is very active in the community, always looking for ways to help. We give for education, performing arts, humanities, and the Red Cross—kind of spreading out our donations to the different sectors in the community."

Kagman High announcements

Calling all Kagman High School alumni, parents, stakeholders, and community partners! This Friday, Oct. 14, 2016, Kagman High School is open to the public to celebrate its Annual Cultural Day event, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. This year the cultures of Ponpei, Chuuk, Palau, and the CNMI will be in the spotlight.

Kagman High will be hosting the next Joint Kagman Schools PTSA at Chacha Oceanview Middle school on Oct. 20, from 5pm to 6pm. The meeting is for parents of all children who attend any of the three Kagman schools: KagES, COVMS or KHS. ***(PR)***

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As a matter of fact, the mayor said, M/V *Luta* had just docked on Friday from Guam.

Before the cargo boat went to Guam, it came from Saipan, bringing in commodities, containers, cars, and equipment, he said.

Two weeks ago, Atalig said, M/V *Luta* brought in five types of heavy equipment for the Rota municipality out of Guam. He said the equipment included a grader, dump trucks, flat beds, and a tractor. Although not new, Atalig assured that they are in very good condition, coming from military surpluses.

Atalig said every shipment that comes either from Guam or Tinian also brings in vehicles for residents.

On the M/V *Luta* controversy, Atalig urged people to just focus on "moving forward."

The mayor cited recent newspaper articles quoting the Office of the Attorney General's assertion that Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog did nothing wrong over the transfer of $400,000 in government funds to Luta Mermaid LLC, which owns M/V *Luta*, as he was only involved as then-Rota senator over the passage of a resolution, which is not an appropriations bill.

"Perhaps maybe it's a political thing. Whether it's political or not, the point is we have to embrace it because it's here for our people. If it's doing something wrong, of course we would stop," Atalig said.

The mayor said he is very glad that M/V *Luta* is here. "It's helping. We have weekly cargo service now," he said.

Last May, former Department of Public Lands secretary John DelRosario filed a taxpayer's lawsuit against Hocog and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson over the alleged adoption of a Rota Legislative Delegation Resolution 19-3 without public notice that purportedly authorized payment of $400,000 to Luta Mermaid LLC, a private company owned by Hocog's relatives.

DelRosario is suing Hocog and Larson for breach of fiduciary duties, and expenditure of public funds for an improper purpose. In addition, Hocog is being sued for violation of the Open Government Act.

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the executive director.

Having the CNMI part of the CW-1 process, increasing the cap to 18,000, and an extension of the transition program from 2019 to 2029 are some of the provisions that the CNMI government and businesses are pushing for Congress to amend.

Sablan said the main focus is transitioning the local workforce to other U.S. worker visa types. He said the CNMI is just recovering from a 12-year recession and had been working with limited resources since 2014.

D.C. Consultants would help the CNMI convince Congress to have some of the provisions in place. "We just want to reinstate what was taken from us since we weren't prepared before. That's why the U.S. Congress made the decision for us."

"We will be needing financial support to get this done. In order to maintain our position and keep pressuring Congress on the changes that we need. We will be needing a significant amount of money," added Sablan.

He said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres had laid out the same provisions during their 902 talks with the federally-appointed group led by Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Esther Kia'ana.

"One thing is very clear, many of the provisions that we suggested, probably about 12, all have an impact on the 11 to 12 million illegals in the U.S. So action in those provisions would give us some relief."

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half days, maybe even less for $30," he said.

After fidgeting around for gasoline receipts, he even computed the difference to prove his point.

"I used to get exactly 8.598 gallons of gas worth $30. With the 20-cent increase for gas prices, I would be getting about 8.172 gallons of gas," he said.

Although the difference is minimal, Alegre sees it as one more dollar for every 5 gallons.

Alegre runs his Toyota pickup truck 22-26 miles on average per day, which when stacked upon each other, makes for a considerable difference per month.

AS MANGLONAS DUEL FOR SENATE SEAT

Rota council chair works to turn this to his advantage

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REPORTER

ROTA—With Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) squaring off against his younger brother, Thomas A. Manglona, for the same Senate position in the Nov. 8 election, 15th Rota Municipal Council chair George Ogo Hocog strongly believes that the brothers' "political squabble" will turn to his advantage.

Hocog

Hocog, who is also running for a Senate seat, agreed that the votes for the Manglona brothers from their clan and supporters will surely be divided,

Hocog said having been elected thrice to the Rota Municipal Council, he's gained enough knowledge in order for him to be a good senator.

He believes the Municipal Council operates almost similarly to the Senate or the House.

"I think that I have done a lot of things for our people, despite a very minimal budget for the council," said Hocog, citing the many programs they have for the people, youths, and senior citizens.

"I believe that people should give me a chance to work for them. I am very committed and very aggressive to work for them," he added.

Hocog said Sen. Manglona has been elected to his position for 28 years, which he believes is "too long" and he believes there should be a term limit for senators, representatives, and even councilmen.

"If the governor can be accorded two terms, why not the House or the Senate or even the Municipal Council for that matter, so that other people can serve with new ideas," he pointed out.

The Rota Municipal Council chairman said the longer a person stays in the Senate or the House, that person tends to lose the interest of the people.

If elected to the Senate, Hocog's goals and objectives are to work toward economic recovery for the island, upgrade the ports of entry, open opportunities for people to be gainfully employed, and work with elected and appointed leaders especially at the federal level to ensure that the CNMI would continue to be able to hire skilled foreign workers because of its inadequate local work force.

His other goals are to improve the financial posture of the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation Board, work closely with the Rota mayor so that adequate funds are available for patients who need to stay on Saipan for medical treatment, work closely with other elected leaders to safeguard the lifespan of the Retirement Fund to assist the retirees, and work closely with the Legislature to amend the Commonwealth Environmental Protection Act to provide assistance to farmers.

Hocog, 58, is married to Lucy Calvo Manglona. They have six children. He finished elementary and high schools on Rota. He went to college for two years at the University of Guam.

At a political forum organized by high school students on Rota last Friday morning, Hocog faced the Manglona brothers, saying a bachelor's degree or master's degree is not necessary so long as he or she uses common sense to work with people.

Hocog retired as a government employee six years ago. He used to work as a Community and Culture Affairs sports recreation specialist, where he was selected employee of the year for Rota and eventually elected as overall CNMI Employee of the Year.

Hocog used to serve as a board member for the CNMI Election Commission. He also previously held many civic positions and at several private companies.

Man wins $5,000 on his birthday

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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas Sports Association Lottery Scratchees has been extremely lucky for one man, who won $5,000 on his birthday last Oct. 7.

The winner, who wishes to remain anonymous, explained, "On the way home after I just bought the ticket, I told my wife 'You know what? I think this is it' but she didn't believe me. Then on my birthday, I had lunch with her and reminded her about what she said to me not too long ago about the ticket. I kept asking her if she remembered…so I just popped out my phone with a picture of my computer. I wrote on my computer 'look up,' meaning to look up higher in the photo but she actually looked up at the ceiling in the restaurant. After that, I scrolled up on the picture to show her the ticket and she completely freaked out."

When asked what prompted him to buy a ticket, he said, "I thought to myself, 'This would be the best birthday ever' and I think it was."

"I didn't expect it. I just kind of got nervous when I saw it, especially since it was on that day [birthday] Oct. 7. So yeah, I feel excited" were his comments about winning the $5,000.

As to what he plans to do with the money, he said, "We're planning on saving some, and a portion of it will be spent on our kids. That's kind of the plan since, you know, Christmas is coming up soon so it's better to save for that."

Anicia Lisua, manager of the Northern Marianas Sports Association Lottery Scratchees, was there at Kagman Market to present the check to its winner. The Northern Marianas Sports Association has been selling Scratchees for about a year and a half now to support their activities. "It's a fundraiser for the Northern Marianas Sports Association for renovations of the gym, sports equipment, and for the kids," Lisua explained.

When asked how it feels meeting people who have won, she replied "It's exciting for me as well because I get to award them with their winnings. It makes me feel like I won too."

A total of 63 stores are currently selling the Scratchees, including ones on Tinian and Rota. About 20 people have won $1,000 and the new winner is the fourth for the $5,000.

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CNMI Next Top Chef to feature Angus beef, Entwine

The CNMI Next Top Chef competition on Nov. 2, 2016, is raising the bar by featuring two world-class brands, Certified Angus Beef and Entwine, the wine of the Food Network and Cooking Channel.

Certified Angus Beef distributor Triple J Five Star Wholesale, has stepped forward to complement the company's original sponsorship package with a donation of select cuts—to be announced—for the six chefs who survive the cut following appetizer round of the competition to the main entrée round.

"It's wonderful to see all the talent that exists in the CNMI. We are excited to be a part of this event by providing a top level ingredient, the Certified Angus Beef brand, for these imaginative chefs to create something amazing," said Jay Santos, general manager of Triple J Five Star Wholesale. "We can't wait to see what they come up with."

Entwine distributor MARPAC will add sparkle to the fundraising event with wine-tasting and marketing support.

"This event is going to be like no other," said Kanoa Resort Saipan's director of Operations and event committee member Glenn Policare. "The chefs are excited to get on stage and showcase their talents. To have the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience will truly put these chefs to the test."

This year's competition will feature 12 chef teams in a "chopped"-style competition live on stage at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort in three rounds: appetizers, main entrée, and dessert. The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation is jointly organizing the event this year. Top prizes are $1,000 for first place, $500 for second place, and $300 for third. Entry forms for interested chefs, cooks, and community members are available from EVM at emptyvesselministry@gmail.com or at their office on Middle Rd., Gualo Rai. Entry is $50 and will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Individuals who support Empty Vessel by purchasing a ticket to CNMI Next Top Chef will be able to attend the live competition, sample diverse *hors d'oeuvres* prepared by HANMI-member hotels, and participate in wine-tasting and a raffle drawing. Tickets are $35/person, and ticket sales will begin this week.

Sponsors and supporters include: Best Sunshine International, Bridge Capital, Current CNMI, Mariana Resort & Spa, T Galleria, Hyatt Regency Saipan, IT&E, *Marianas Variety*, Northern Marianas Trades Institute, Pacifica Insurance, Pacific Trading, *Saipan Tribune*, KKMP, Kagman High School, and Joeten Supermarket.

Corporations and individuals interested in donating to the event may contact EVM at 670.235.2340 or 670.287.0426. All proceeds will benefit Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation. ***(PR)***

Congratulations to Green Meadow School students

Proud GMS president Mila Songcuan and teachers join winning students on Oct. 1, 2016. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Once again, the Falcons proved on Oct. 1, 2016, at the PGFC held at Francisco Mendiola Middle School that they are a team to reckon with. The whole GMS family and supporters are so proud of all of you. Kudos to the patient and dedicated teachers and coaches.

On behalf of the GMS administration, teachers and staff, I would like to congratulate all the PGFC participants, parents, and most especially the winners last Oct.1, 2016 held at San Antonio Middle School. Congratulations Falcons! ***(PR)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DEQ RELEASES 2016 DRAFT INTEGRATED WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT

The CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ), under the Office of the Governor, hereby notifies the public that the Draft 2016 Integrated Water Quality Assessment Report has been made available for public review and comment on DEQ's web page, www.deq.gov.mp.

Sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the U.S. Clean Water Act (CWA) require that all states, including the CNMI, monitor and assess all waters within the state and report the results to the public, USEPA, and the U.S. Congress every two years. Prior to final submittal to USEPA and the U.S. Congress, public review is required and DEQ must address comments received by the public.

BECQ invites the public to review and comment on the 2014 Integrated Report, by submitting written comments in person to the BECQ office at the Gualo Rai Center on Middle Road (across from the Subway restaurant), by mail, or by e-mail to kathyyuknavage@becq.gov.mp. E-mails should contain the subject line "2016 IR Comments" or similar. All comments must be received by BECQ no later than November 4, 2016, in order for the comments to be considered by BECQ in the preparation of the final Integrated Report. Mailed comments should be addressed to Mr. Frank Rabauliman, Administrator, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, P.O. Box 501304, Saipan, MP, 95950.

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EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

THE CNMI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY ISSUES THE FOLLOWING

MORATORIUM NOTICE
on

N.M.I. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 80 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, SUB-CHAPTER 80-20.1 EMPLOYMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS § 80-20.1-210 (C) (3) Exemptions from Workforce Participation § 80-20.1-215 (b) Particular Construction Project. Exemptions issued prior to this notice remains in effect until their expiration date.

This moratorium notice shall be in effect until such time that the CNMI Secretary of Labor publishes a new notice on this matter.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter of the Petition To Appoint General Guardianship for:	]]]]	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0485
MB, MS, RB Minor Child	]]]	**NOTICE OF HEARING**
Marciala R. Bisanen Petitioners	]]	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on October 27, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 30th day of September, 2016.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

Govt said to be finalizing public transport system for Saipan

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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said they are now finalizing plans for a public transportation system that the community could use as alternate way of getting around the island. The public transport aims to ease traffic on the island, especially during rush hour.

Vehicle traffic usually occurs in the morning, especially in areas near schools, where students are being dropped off while people are on their way to work. The same thing happens when people are on their way home, with congestion taking place along Beach Road in Garapan.

Torres said they are hoping to launch a public transportation system in December this year. "We are in the final steps of initiating the CNMI's first ever public transportation system. Hopefully, it would start in December."

"The system would be able to transport workers to their jobs, students to their schools, and give everyday residents an alternative in making their way through our island," added Torres.

He said the bus routes are already in place and they are just waiting for two big buses that would go around the island. "The first stage will be headquartered at the hospital. Fom there, it would go south [on] Middle Road toward As Terlaje Hill at [the Northern Marianas College]."

The planned route, from NMC, would have the bus going toward Shell Dandan and turning right going down to As Lito and down to Han Nam Road in Koblerville where it would work its way to Beach Road all the way in front of the Hyatt Regency Saipan and back to the hospital.

"That will be our first route with stops along the way. We just provided the first phase to give people an alternative and better way of transportation. We are working on the time between buses," Torres said.

He said the public transportation system under the Commonwealth Office of Transport Authority is a project that his administration would be proud of and part of better things to come for the people of the CNMI.

As of now, COTA provides on-call public transportation, mainly for those with disabilities.

MVA eyes promoting the Northern Islands

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

Northern Islands Mayor Jerome Aldan recently brought up the idea of promoting the Northern Islands with Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion in late September.

"The mayor of the Northern Islands paid us a courtesy visit a couple weeks ago to see how we could work together to promote the Northern Islands as an ecotourism destination. He stated he would submit some proposals to us so we could review his ideas and see if the MVA could assist," said Concepcion.

Although nothing is confirmed as of now, the MVA has expressed interest in promoting the Northern Islands as an ecotourism destination.

"Nothing concrete has been approved but we like the idea of Pagan or one of the other Northern Islands being an eco-friendly destination for those looking for adventure," said Concepcion.

Despite the lack of sufficient infrastructure, Concepcion sees the potential of the Northern Islands.

"There may be potential there but there is no existing infrastructure to support anything so that is a concern for us. We'll wait to hear from Mayor Aldan on his proposals and we'll present that to the MVA board for review," he said.

Aldan appreciated the support of the MVA, and loves the thought of the Northern Islands being active in the tourism industry.

"Actually the MVA is very supportive, although right now its just a discussion that we are working on but they are very positive in trying to give help to the Northern Islands as far as marketing the tourism in the Northern Islands," said Aldan.

Concepcion did not know of the proposal prior to being named the current MVA managing director, so Aldan had to resend the proposal, which sparked the MVA's interest.

"We've been talking on improving the Northern Islands as a destination so that we can offer something different in the tourism market. They are very happy that I visited their office and we are working together collaboratively, because he wasn't aware of my destination proposal prior to him taking office, so I submitted the same proposal again so they can understand where I'm coming from as far as eco-tourism is concerned," said Aldan.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-17-IFB-003

DRIVE WAY ROAD IMPROVEMENT GAOGAO KAGMAN, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) is soliciting sealed bids for the Drive Way Road Improvement Gaogao Kagman, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **October 12, 2016** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

Breach of Ethical Standard

- ***Gratuities.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefor. **NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725 (a)**
- ***Kickbacks.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of a subcontractor or order. **NMIAC 70-30.3-725 (b)**
- ***Contingent fees.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure government contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business. **NMIAC 70-30.3-730**

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **October 28, 2016, 9:00 a.m. local time** at Project Site, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 7, 2016** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-17-IFB-003**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, November 9, 2016**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, November 9, 2016**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 9, 2016** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **November 21, 2016**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, November 25, 2016**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on November 9, 2016**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**$25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Sixty (60) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred (US$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-17-IFB-001

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF NEW HIGH TUNNEL GREENHOUSE ECLOSURES FOR DLNR, DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE KAGMAN II, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) is soliciting sealed bids for the Supply and Delivery of New High Tunnel Greenhouse Enclosures for DLNR, Division of Agriculture Kagman, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **October 5, 2016** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **Fifty Dollars ($50.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

Breach of Ethical Standard

- ***Gratuities.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefor.
- ***Kickbacks.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of a subcontractor or order.
- ***Contingent fees.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure government contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **October 25, 2016, 9:00 a.m. local time** at Project Site, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 7, 2016** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-17-IFB-001**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, November 17, 2016.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, November 17, 2016,** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 17, 2016** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **November 28, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, November 30, 2016.** However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on November 17, 2016.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred (US$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

PETER P. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-001

Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for the Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEM's) from which CUC intends to select one proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's power supply requirements.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-001 – Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 20, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-002

CONSULTANCY SERVICES, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SIX ENGINE SYSTEMS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for the oversight and management of Supply and Installation of Six (6) Engine Systems, 8-10 MW/Each, at CUC Saipan Power Plant 1, Saipan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from suitably qualified entities from which CUC intends to select one consultant to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's consultancy and construction management requirements.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-002 – Consultancy Services, Supply and Installation of Six Engine Systems"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business

license in compliance with the Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 21, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

SPEECH COMPETITION WINNERS ERWIN ENCINARES
Carolinian Affairs executive assistant John Tagabuel poses with the first place winner of the Carolinian speech division grades 3-5 Kenneth Kapileo from Kagman Elementary School.

ERWIN ENCINARES
First place winner for the Carolinian speech division grades 6-9 Neifesman Saito from San Antonio poses with Carolinian Affairs executive assistant John Tagabuel.

ERWIN ENCINARES
From left, Carolinian Affairs executive assistant John Tagabuel, first place winner in the Chamorro speech division grades 6-9 Seiji Gonzales, second placer Victoria Dela Cruz, and third placer Francisco Atalig.

ERWIN ENCINARES
From left, Carolinian Affairs executive assistant John Tagabuel, first place winner in the Chamorro speech division grades 10-12 Genzo Gonzales, second placer Trinie Lizama, and third placer Elden Maratita.

MVA joins biggest Japanese travel show

The Marianas Visitors Authority joined representatives of 140 other international countries and regions and 47 prefectures of Japan at the JATA Tourism Expo 2016, Japan's largest annual travel show, on Sept. 22-25, 2016.

The number of attendees increased 7 percent this year compared to last, exceeding 185,000 attendees. JATA Tourism Expo 2016 was held at Tokyo Big Sight and attracted national tourism agencies, airlines, hotels, travel agencies, cruise companies, other tourism professionals and the traveling public. The MVA joined other exhibitors in providing the latest tourism information to visitors and professional members of the travel trade. This year, over 42,000 attendees joined the event on the travel trade day on Sept. 23, while over 70,000 and 66,800 consumers joined the second and third days of the event, respectively.

"JATA Tourism Expo remains on the top of the MVA's list of annual marketing shows in Japan, due to its wide popularity with the general public and travel trade representatives," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "This fiscal year, we are looking forward to new strategies for reviving this critical market with the assistance of Access Japan, our new marketing and promotions representatives in Japan."

At the MVA booth, representatives of the Northern Mariana Islands distributed promotional information, answered questions, and allowed attendees to participate in coconut oil making and crafting.

The event is organized by Japan Travel and Tourism Association and Japan Association of Travel Agents The JATA Tourism Expo is internationally recognized as one of the largest travel events in the world and presents Japan as a tourism nation to the world, further developing outbound, inbound, and domestic travel by bringing together the combined strengths of not only the tourism industry but all industries in Japan and its local communities. JATA Tourism Expo provides opportunities for travel professionals to exchange travel information and conduct effective business meetings, while inspiring consumers through the power of travel.

The JATA Tourism Expo 2017 was held from Sept. 21-24, 2016, in Tokyo. ***(MVA)***

Pacific Development Inc. and the Marianas Visitors Authority demonstrate banana printing and coconut oil-making at the JATA Tourism expo 2016 on Sept. 22-25, 2016, in Tokyo. Joining the delegation is Miss Marianas Peachy Quitugua, right.

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Consumers visit the Marianas Visitors Authority booth at the JATA Tourism Expo 2016, which was held on Sept. 22-25, 2016, in Tokyo.

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Water service interruption begins today

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in San Vicente, Dandan, Obyan, As Lito, Finasisu, As Perdido, Koblerville, As Gonno, and Afetnas will be experiencing a temporary water service interruption due to the testing of data collection to extend water service hours for customers living in these areas.

Testing will commence today, Oct. 12, 2016, at 9:30am for a 24-hour period. Customers are advised to call CUC's Call Center if they are experiencing low pressure or no water service during the testing period. Updates will follow as soon as they are available.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(CUC)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-003

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO UPDATE CUC'S RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CUC'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for professional services to update the CUC Rules and Regulations and CUC's Policies and Procedures Manual.

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified entities from which CUC intends to select one consultant to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's consultancy requirements.

The scope of work and solicitation package will be emailed upon request, by the CUC Procurement and Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement and Supply Division.

A pre-proposal conference will be conducted at the CUC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building on **October 20, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, proposers shall familiarize themselves with the current CUC Rules and Regulations and the CUC Policies and Procedures Manual prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC RFP-17-003 – Professional Services to Update CUC's Rules and Regulations and CUC's Policies and Procedures Manual"* to the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, P. O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST).** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competitive offerors.

All offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the offeror due to lack of information of understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award of a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offerors are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws. This bid and the ensuring contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI business license in compliance with the licensing laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of the contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 24, 2016,** to Manuel B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address at manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant, via email address at marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

MANUEL B. SABLAN
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-16-IFB-024

ROOF AND WALL REPAIR OF OLD LEGISLATURE/4-H BLDG.

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) is soliciting sealed bids for **Roof and Wall Repair of Old Legislature/4-H Bldg.** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **September 28, 2016** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

Breach of Ethical Standards

- ***Gratuities.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefor.
- ***Kickbacks.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of a subcontractor or order.
- ***Contingent fees.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure government contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **October 14, 2016 , 9:00 a.m. local time** at Project Site, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **October 21, 2016** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-16-IFB-024"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, November 03, 2016.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, November 03, 2016,** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 03, 2016** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **November 15, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, November 16, 2016.** However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on November 03, 2016.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is Forty Five **(45) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Two Gandhis: Not all heroes are universally adored

When President Pranab Mukherjee of India visited Ghana in June, he came bearing what he thought was an irresistible gift. To symbolize the friendship between the two countries, Mukherjee gifted the University of Ghana with a statue of Indian independence leader Mohandas Gandhi. The Indian president assumed that the two decades Gandhi lived in South Africa a century ago would generate goodwill thousands of miles away in West Africa today.

It didn't. Last month, professors at the University of Ghana called for the statue's removal from campus on the grounds that Gandhi, revered around the world for successful nonviolent anti-colonial protests against the British, exhibited a condescending attitude toward black South Africans.

Gandhi was quoted many times referring to black South Africans as "Kaffirs"—a racist term not only in that country but across the continent. He also boasted of the racial superiority of Indians over black Africans. Ironically, he referred to black Africans as "heathens" while making a case for the humanity of Indians. Much later, he changed his mind and admitted he had been wrong to refer to black Africans as barbarians.

Gandhi may have evolved in his thinking, but more than 1,000 students and faculty signed the petition to have the statue removed. Ghanaian officials are willing to relocate the statue for its own protection, but are reluctant to return it to the Indians for fear it will hurt bilateral relations.

In America, Gandhi's name is still magic. Americans have a hard time separating a sentimental view of the Indian leader's goodness from the sordid reality of his early life. Ghanaians and other Africans don't. They already have a rich array of anti-colonial freedom fighters they can honor who didn't have to "evolve" into seeing their humanity. They don't need Gandhi. He didn't lead their revolution. Ghana is not the right context for Gandhi adoration.

While relations between Ghana and India may be initially strained by this contretemps, things will eventually settle down to normal. Both countries have a lot to gain from a partnership based on mutual respect and attention to the historical record. Like every hero who has ever lived, Gandhi had feet of clay. Heroes aren't called to be infallible saints. They are only required to step up in the name of justice despite whatever moral baggage they carry. That's what Gandhi did. We can all learn from that.

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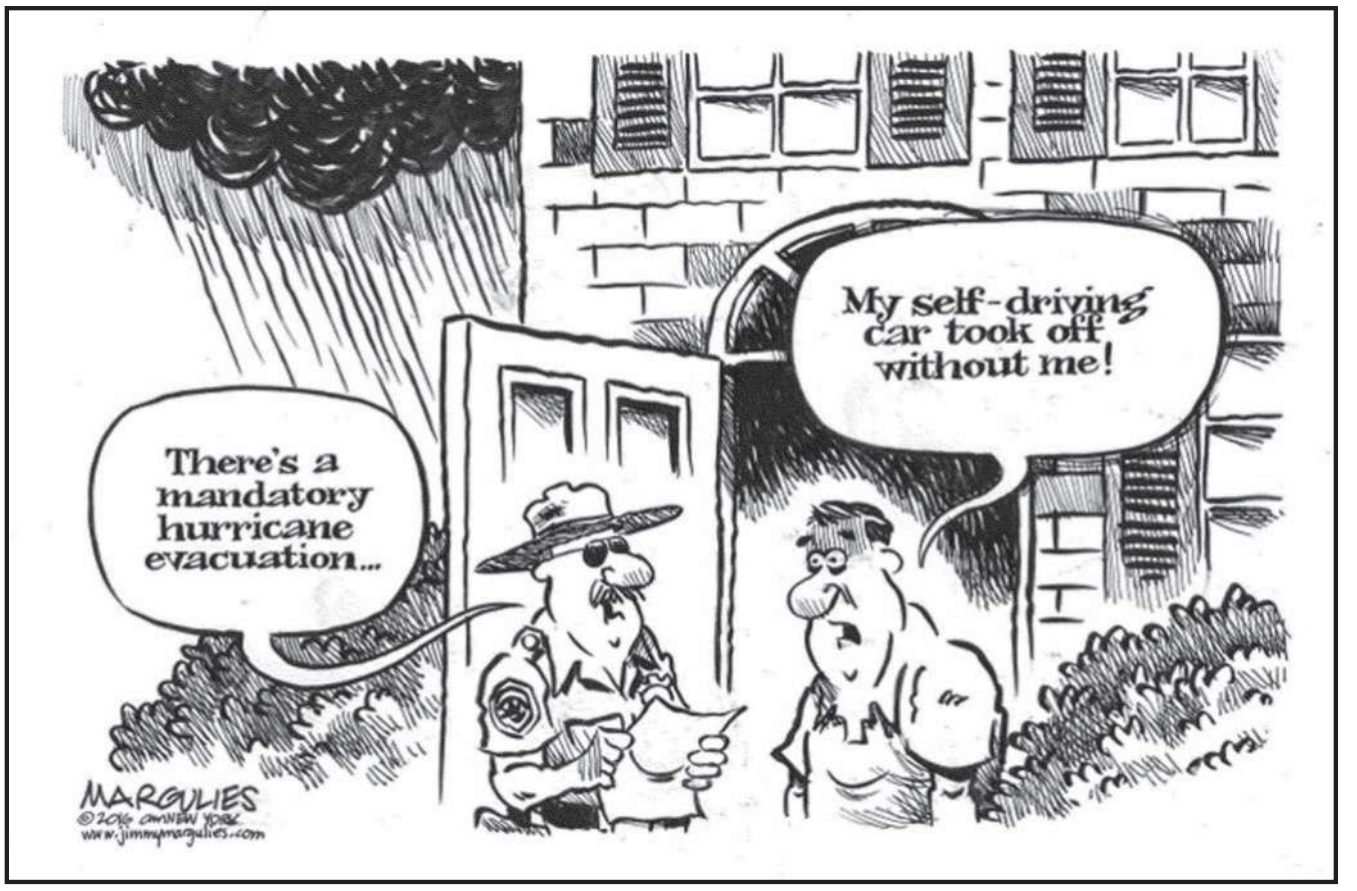

Time for Pence to take an honorable stance

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It is clear by now what kind of man Donald Trump is. But the question on the mind of a lot of people today is, "What kind of man is Mike Pence?"

As Trump's vice presidential running mate, Pence is the one holding the rug in place that Trump is standing on. He'd be doing America a favor if he jerked it out from under him.

While we might not all agree with the Indiana governor's politics, there is no question that Pence's values clash with Trump's. He has made Trump's candidacy more tolerable for some conservatives who abhor the Republican nominee as much as Hillary Clinton. That's why he's on the ticket.

It is hard to imagine how anyone could go out on the campaign trail and stump for Trump after the vile things he was caught saying about women, as well as the stunt he pulled at Sunday night's debate. But on Monday, Trump's running mate reiterated that he's standing by his man.

Trump has made it clear that if he goes down, he will try and take not just the Republican Party with him but the entire country. Pence should walk away while he has only a few minor bruises.

What happens in the days to come will test the patriotism of the entire Republican leadership. Can Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell put the country ahead of their partisan politics and finally say, "Enough is enough"? Or will they take the coward's way out and continue to stand by a man who has personally insulted women, or in more practical terms, about 53 percent of the electorate?

With his back against the wall over the release of a video of him making lewd remarks about women, Trump sank lower Sunday night than many of us thought he could go. Instead of standing up like a man, he brought in four women to take the hit for him.

Paula Jones, Kathleen Willey and Juanita Broaddrick, all of whom have accused former President Bill Clinton of sexual misconduct in the past, and Kathy Shelton, whose alleged rape assailant was successfully defended by Hillary Clinton years ago, likely thought they were doing the right thing by showing up at the debate with Trump.

But the truth is that Trump exploited these women. That's basically no different than bragging about groping women to make himself look big.

Trump had a chance to look Americans in the eye Sunday night and at least try and convince us that he was genuinely sorry for those remarks. But he chose to blow it off.

When the leaked "Access Hollywood" video came up in the debate, he didn't even try to convince us that he's not the misogynistic pig we heard talking on that tape.

"I'm embarrassed by it. I hate it. But it's locker room talk and it's one of those things," he told us.

Pence said prior to the debate that he was "offended" by the graphic comments Trump made in 2005 in which he was caught on a hot mic talking about how being a celebrity allowed him to grab a woman's vagina.

"As a husband and father, I was offended by the words and actions described by Trump in the 11-year-old video released yesterday," Pence said in a statement. "I do not condone his remarks and cannot defend them."

So what is Pence going to do about it?

Trump made it clear in a Tweet on Saturday that he will never quit the race. Wary Republicans are talking about dropping support for him by withholding money and needed manpower on the ground, but Pence has the power to make a greater statement.

By leaving the ticket, Pence can tell the world that Trump is an anomaly, that he isn't fit to represent the Republican Party, much less the United States. By withdrawing from the race, Pence would send a powerful message that Trump is an outcast who cannot be tolerated.

And in the process, Pence might be able to rescue his own tenuous political future.

It is hard to understand how any Republican could continue to support Trump after last night's performance. We saw that he not only is unqualified but lacks the temperament for the nation's highest office.

It was the stalking that troubled some of us the most, the constant pacing around on stage and hovering over Clinton's personal space. Trump looked like a predator.

Perhaps it is one of the things he learned in the locker room. Trump would have us believe that this creepy behavior is typical for most men, but my guess is that it's only attractive to a particular type of man—the ones that never grew up.

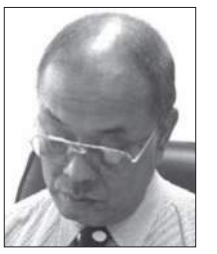
On a recent episode of "Frontline," one of Trump's former classmates at the military high school he attended called it "barracks talk." Their role model was Hugh Hefner, and they learned about women from reading Playboy. While there, he was voted "Ladies Man," a title he coveted. Others grew out of that stage, but not Trump.

Those who knew Trump as a child said in the documentary that he's the same person he was in the first grade—the kid who would throw birthday cake at the guests. Or if a friend had built a tower made of blocks, he would walk up and knock it down.

Pence always has been the adult in this relationship. It's time for him to start acting like it.

Gatbu Na Petlas

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Gi un` minañgau pulan, estabayu` gi baranda hu e`eñgulu` i kanai gualafun ginen entalu` ramas troñkun lemon gi tatten guma. Mofona mattu rinegan uchan yan freskun mañglu ginen haya. Hana katma yan pas siñientieghu.

Sige dispues dumandan-yu` ukulele `nai hututuhun humassu tatte hagas kanta-ta siha. Man-na`mahalañg na sunidu siha gi namagof na dinaña` familia piot gi tiempun Noche Buena. Esta guaha `nai hana` mesgu lago`hu.

Kulan ha gacha`yu` triste pot metgot kurentin tinilaika gi tanu` natibu ya gof hasan tali`e tautau-ta mañguentos haf` sentimientun niha. Kau man-atgoyau hit na tautague na inipus mansilensiu hit gi dirichota?

Gi mismu tiempu hu komprende na megai tumatitiye haf` hu tutugi` pot direchun tautau-ta. Hu atrebiyu` gi halum kañadan tituka` pot manyomahlau tautau-ta gi asuntun niha. No señot, pot fabot gachuñge-yu` sa` tihu lañgag namaisa este na katgu. Maila tafan agu`ot kanai gi madefendin direchu natibu!

Klassen Tautau

Maseha manu na tanu`, siempre un` soda` manguaha, kadu` manguaha yan taya` guaha. I mina tres na butai` `nai gaigeyu`.

I manguaha libianu hinaguñg niha, diariu. Todu nesessidat familia malañgag ginen fuetsan fiñkas niha. Walang problema!

I kadu` manguaha esta mandidibi para un` finanu`e na guahague`. `An hali`e na asut meyas-mu siempre mamahan pot para un` finatta.

I taya` guaha no siakassu haf` guinahaña. Kontentu gi taya`ña pat dididi` na suetteña. `An haf` unna`e ha agradesi. Mauleg na heñun tautau. Ti champada.

Hu chagi ayudun manguaha ni numa`e ham fina` neñkanu` un` Noche Buena. Mattu ginen korason niha sin banida. Malatgaye ayudu pot mali`e pinepblen mame.

I kadu` guaha makat ha tapbla nina`en manguaha guihe na biahe piot sa` motmut i tatten kareta regalu para hame. Umatog!

I tropan taya` guaha dumalalag ham yan manguaha man-manunu fina` katne yan guihan guihe na pueñge gi tatten guma`. Grasiosu na dinaña ya motmut chaleg ginen i tropa. In` agradesi i sumen sattun na amesta gi entalu` mame. Ma`ug na bisinu maseha esta man-achagu` lugat mame.

Sentimientu

Diskuidun offisiat Marianas muna` fuetsau man-mamadesi manadan familia guine, punta pot punta. Gi halum rimulinun diskuidu sige magñu` kualidat linala` familia.

Tat mattiru ti masuñgun kontodu i taya` adelantu gi monedan familia. Ke lau haf` bidan mimiyu dispues de todu i promesan kantun sisomyan?

Para todu i diskuidu, hihot muta`yu` `an hulili`e na malañgag man-kandidatu ta`lu. Guaha `nai hu toñgtuñg iluhu kau guahu lalañga` pat siha. Dios mihu! Ti man-mamahlau! Ke lau haf` motibu na malañgag mahasñguni i publiku `nai sentaya` ni hafa na adelantu mapetsige pot interes publiku?

Sinague` Tasi

Estaba un` amiguhu ha areregla butiña gi pantalan Fishing Base para u etupag guihe na pueñge. Antes de u tulusgue` huyuñg, sige ham umachatge pot kinalamten todus `nai manadan tautauta manmamatmus gi fache` sisonyan chinatsaga.

Mauleg na ha tuñgu` i prohimu `nos kuantos klasen peska `nai ha preniniye familiaña mantension. Asolas, humanau pumeskan halum tanu`. Animu man-espiha para mantension familiaña. Humanau dispues umetupag gi sagua`. Sigiente dia hana`eyu` `nos kuantos medianu na mafuti para inaflituhu. Ti manmanyu`sumaibog lasneg chodan galayan para gachoñgña.

Peskan Panag

Gi `nai hoben-yu` `nai sessu huli`e mangachoñg-hu manpeskan panag. Mapega i tekin mediu karera huyuñg gi rubentason dispues manridonduye ya sige mapanag i tasi para umadulalag i guihan guatu gi tekin.

Manpaire na peskadot. Marepite `nos kuantos biahe antes de u fan halum mandeskansa gi inai. Sige pa`gu marikohe kineni` guihan ya mapega gi sahguan. Lau maliñgu este na modun peska desde ke manhanau ayu na tropan peskadot para i taihinekog na deskansu.

Esta na` mahalañg `an malolofan-yu` gi kantun tasin iya Chalan Laulau `nai sessu antes manpeskan panag. Taigue esta ayu na hinerasion.

I peskan chenchulu ni sessu binatsala ni famiia esta lokue` maliñgu. Lau lamegai na talayeru huli`e sessu na tiempu gi kantun tasi. Mauleg na offisiu gi maprebeniyen mantension familia.

Sustansian Tanu`

Dos famosu na ma`gas gi estorian i tanu` mapega papa` talin niha mangobietna ya mahatsa tatte talin kabayu ni humahala i aladu. Era, ha bira siha tatte gi tinanum niha yan fangualu`an dispues de masetbe mauleg tautau niha.

Matuñgu haf` sustansian tanu` `nai gumuagualu` siha. Ginen i tanu` `nai mana fandoku` todu mantension tautau desde tinanum yan pinegsai. Este `nai masoda` ginefsagan niha--halum fangualu`an. Sattun i dos menhalom haf` sustansian pisun tanu`.

Abarambau

Kada ratu ma-annunsia na guaha mas adelantu gi ekonomia. Mauleg! Gi mismu tiempu i mansañgan na adelantu taigue gi monedan familia. Gaige gi pahinan gaseta!

I tautau-ta matuñgu` mumidi haf` mansañgan kontra haf` dibberas gaige gi monedan familia. Pues lastima i manadan anunsiu ni ti mafattu papa` gi familia siha guine.

Huñgan, namagof `an enfin guaha adelantu gi rinikohen aduana sino tax. Lau estake mattu ennau na adelantu gi monedan familia, taya` baliña manadan anunsiu ni gueku!

Gi primet lugat pot diskuidun miyu na megai pinadesi na tiempu. Chatmiyu hahatsa esperansan i tautau `an ti siña in` asegura na i benefisiun adelantu magahet na gaige gi esta giya siha. Puru che`chu`fabulas de chispas!

Dispues, tomtum esta i publiku gi todu mattirun dinage ginen i hegsu` imperadot I Deni`! Maseha pot primet biahe sañgan i minagahet na sumen chatsaga i tiempu mina` in` letki ayudu para i publiku! Haf` mohon?

Chemchum

Estaba un` chomchum paluma gi troñku gi menan guma`. Gi primet biahe `nai hu rikonose estaba kuattru na chada` nosa`. Dispues, man-e`esalau famaguon paluma, man-mapulakes.

Sigiente semana ni unu gaige. Mangupu ya madiñgu i chemchum. Kulan famaguonta. Gigon manlistu, manhanau lokue` ginen i chemchum. Mafattu gi hinassota na puede todu felis hinanau niha. Mangupu libre!

This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, take the hurt out of HRT

By MICHELLE KRETZER
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Unless you've been studying penguins in Antarctica for the last few days, you've probably been bombarded by fluffy pink displays reminding you to buy up fluffy pink tchotchkes for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. But unless you've been studying them for the last few decades with no access to the internet, you're probably already aware of breast cancer. (And I'm sure that by now, even Antarctica is in possession of a pink doodad or two.)

As Breast Cancer Action asserted in its expose of pinkwashing, "(I)f shopping could cure breast cancer, it would be cured by now." Instead of spreading awareness of pink flip-flops, we should be spreading awareness of breast cancer risk factors and how to reduce them. But, unfortunately, prevention strategies don't get enough attention.

Case in point: A just-released study about breast cancer and hormone replacement therapy, or HRT—the largest such study ever conducted—got appallingly little news coverage, even though researchers found that taking a combined progestogen and estrogen HRT pill tripled a woman's risk of breast cancer.

The Institute of Cancer Research and Breast Cancer Now studied 100,000 women over 40 and concluded that those who took a combined estrogen and progestogen pill such as Prempro for approximately five years were 2.7 times as likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer as women who didn't. Women who took the combined pill for 15 years or more increased their risk by 3.3 times. Fortunately, the risk began to fall once they stopped taking the pills.

We already know that Prempro's sister drug, Premarin, is scary stuff. Researchers have linked its use to an increased risk of dementia, stroke and heart attack. Many women and physicians have shunned both drugs.

And there's another reason why Premarin and Prempro will never occupy my medicine cabinet. Growing up in horse country, as I did in Kentucky, you develop a strong appreciation for these beautiful, intelligent, sensitive animals—a feeling that the manufacturers of Premarin and Prempro clearly don't share.

Both drugs are made from pregnant mares' urine. To obtain it, mares are repeatedly impregnated and then forced to wear rubber urine-collection bags at all times, which causes lesions on their skin. They're confined to stalls so small that they can't turn around or take more than a single step in any direction—and they're denied sufficient drinking water so that their urine will yield more concentrated estrogen.

Some of the thousands of foals born on these farms each year are used to replace their exhausted mothers. Some are offered for adoption. The remaining foals are sold at auction, along with mares whose bodies are exhausted from the constant cycle of pregnancy and birth in abusive living conditions. Most are purchased for slaughter.

With my family history of breast cancer, I want to do everything I can to combat the disease, but I won't be spending any money on pink-ribbon products or on dangerous, urine-derived drugs like Premarin or Prempro. When I hit menopause, I'll feel confident asking my doctor about alternatives, such as HRTs made from plant-derived phytoestrogens.

Women deserve better than token pinkwashed "awareness" products, and we all deserve better than dangerous drugs that harm both animals and our health.

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A 'normal' debate except for the jail threat

By JONATHAN BERNSTEIN
BLOOMBERG VIEW

Only one thing mattered from the 2016 town-hall debate: Donald Trump, the Republican nominee for president, promised that, if elected, he will prosecute his political opponents.

At least, he promised to prosecute Hillary Clinton: "(I)f I win, I am going to instruct my attorney general to get a special prosecutor to look into your situation, because there has never been so many lies, so much deception. There has never been anything like it, and we're going to have a special prosecutor." Later, he said that if he was president, "you'd be in jail."

Clinton, of course, was investigated and cleared by the FBI. But that's not even the point because in the United States of America, and under any constitutional democracy, the government does not designate special prosecutors to harass private citizens who happen to belong to the political opposition. Nor does the president of the United States choose whom to prosecute.

Trump could not even say what crime Clinton supposedly committed. He seems to believe she should be jailed for "so many lies, so much deception" rather than an actual violation of federal code. This way of thinking isn't new: Trump has said, repeatedly, that Clinton (and other candidates) shouldn't be allowed to run for president, as if some authority determined who was allowed to run.

Though Trump's threats were what stood out, the two candidates held a sort of normal debate for the last 60 minutes. "Normal" by Trump standards, that is. As usual, he showed no sign of knowing anything about policy or how the government works. And as usual he made so many factually incorrect assertions that it was impossible to keep up; teams of fact-checkers work hours to wrestle them all down. (Yes, Clinton gets the occasional fact wrong, and she spins things artfully all the time to best present her version of them. That's different from flat-out making things up, especially as frequently as Trump does, and especially even when has been repeatedly challenged and corrected on them.)

Trump seemed better prepared than he was in the first debate in the sense of being ready to give answers and to attack Clinton when he had an opportunity. He ran against the moderators, a strategy that is often successful in Republican primary debates, where the target audience is the most partisan Republicans. It may have succeeded with those Republicans on Sunday night; many of them are ready to believe anything about the media.

Others will note that, for example, Trump responded to a question about Clinton's emails by complaining that the moderators refused to ask about her emails. His (frequent) complaints about supposedly unfair time limits turned out to be without merit as well.

Hillary Clinton? She was fine, if not her absolute best, but this debate wasn't about her. She got the basics right. She knows the Town Hall Debate 101 trick of directly responding to a questioner, and she knows that when asked to say something nice about an opponent, the easy answer is to praise his children. Clinton didn't do anything to scare off supporters, a reasonable strategy for a candidate with a solid lead and an imploding opponent.

In the end, what mattered about this debate was that a major-party nominee for the presidency said he wanted to use the powers of the office to imprison his political opponents. Don't pretend there's anything normal about that.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

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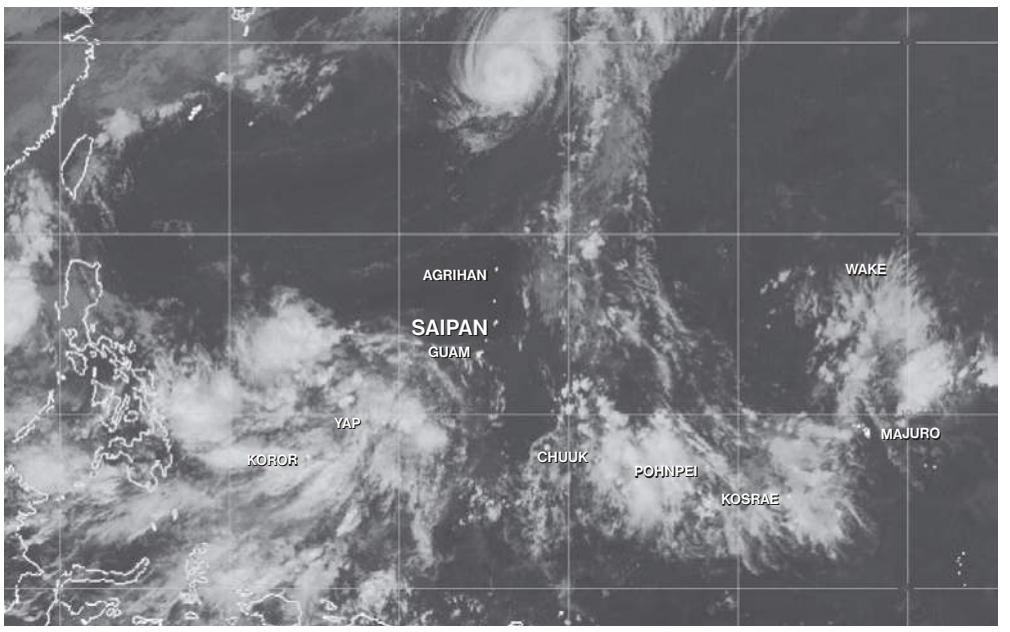

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The somewhat curved lines of showers coming toward the Marianas waters look like outflow boundaries from old convection. This convection would be to the east. There is a trough that way which the models bring in our direction. If all this is true, showers will increase at some point this week. Current grids suggest Thursday, cannot do better than that at this time, so left it alone. Refreshed the wind and wave grids, otherwise little change. Will watch for shower coverage to start increasing on radar to the east, then adjust timing if needed. This trough has a lot of extra clouds with it that are obscuring where the shower activity actually is.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Guam and Rota	Strong thunderstorms	82 / 89 °F
Palau	Heavy rain	81 / 86 °F
Yap	Heavy rain	81 / 89 °F
Chuuk	Partly cloudy	79 / 86 °F
Pohnpei	Mostly cloudy	78 / 86 °F
Kosrae	Mostly cloudy	82 / 87 °F
Majuro	Morning clouds	81 / 87 °F

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Hong Kong	Mostly cloudy	73 / 77 °F
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	74 / 82 °F
London	Morning clouds	51 / 59 °F
Los Angeles	Haze	57 / 72 °F
Manila	Mostly cloudy	79 / 88 °F
Melbourne	Partly cloudy	49 / 57 °F
Miami	Partly sunny	78 / 84 °F
New York	High level clouds	53 / 65 °F
Osaka	Mostly sunny	54 / 74 °F
Paris	Partly cloudy	37 / 56 °F
Pusan	Morning clouds	54 / 71 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	45 / 65 °F
Salem	Mostly sunny	37 / 66 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	56 / 66 °F
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Tokyo	Mostly sunny	59 / 67 °F
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
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UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Bisita Luta

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Bisita Luta chair Aubry Hocog, third from left, and members of the welcoming committee greet and offer necklaces to members of a Saipan band, Northern Stars, at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona Airport. Northern Stars was among the three bands that performed at the Bisita Luta and the fiesta celebration on Friday and Saturday.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres and former senator Frica T. Pangelinan enjoy food and drinks while listening to songs from the invited bands from Saipan and Guam during the culmination of the Bisita Luta celebration on Friday night.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

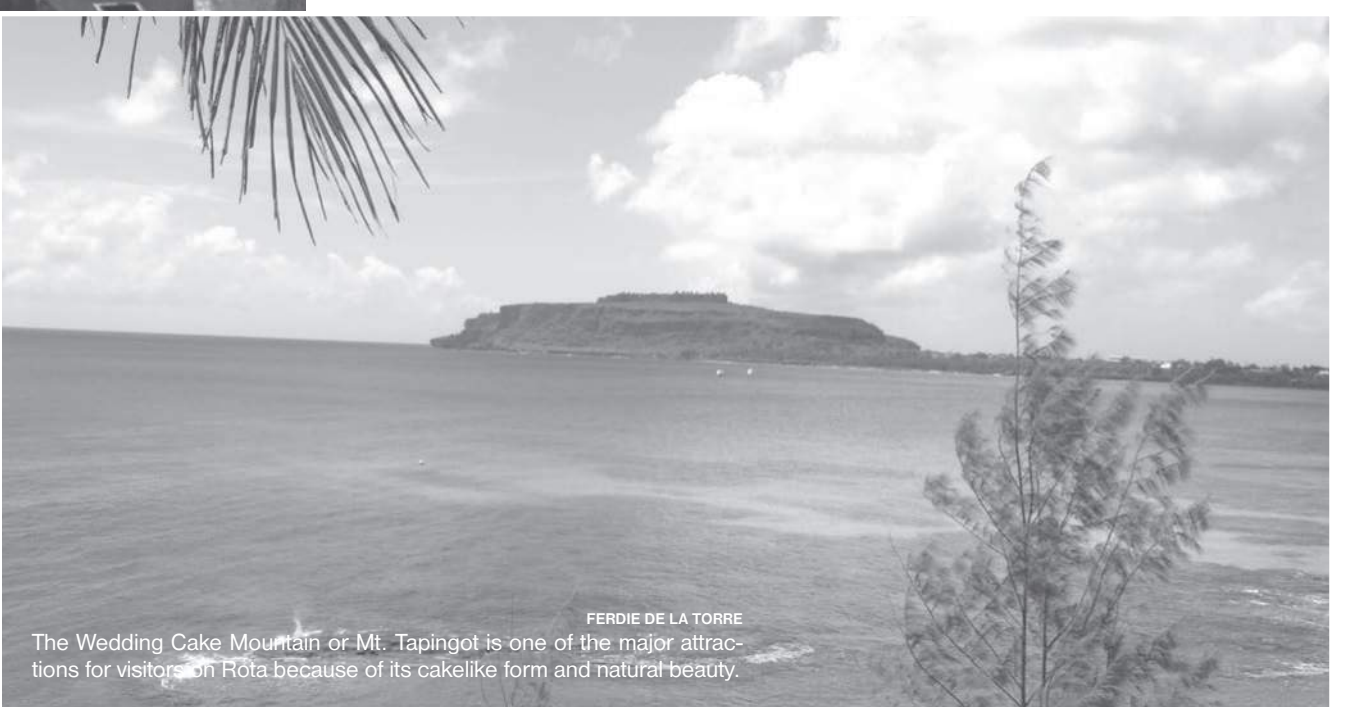
Miss Marianas Teen 2016 Palanga Taimanao and Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig pose for a photo during the culmination of Bisita Luta celebration at the Chamorro Village Park in Songsong Friday night.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Staff of the Rota Mayor's Office put up tents on Friday in preparation for the Bisita Luta's concert night and fiesta celebration for the island's patron saint, San Francisco de Borja, over the weekend.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Saipan's JJ Concepcion and a group of firefighters perform songs to entertain the crowd at the Bisita Luta celebration at the Chamorro Village Park on Friday night.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

The Wedding Cake Mountain or Mt. Tapingot is one of the major attractions for visitors on Rota because of its cakelike form and natural beauty.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Birthday shoutout to Jeromalyn W. Santos, who is celebrating her special day today. May today bring you so much love and joy on your special day and many, many more birthdays to come. And may the Lord continue His blessings on you every day. Greetings coming from your family and with love, Chicko Arurang. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Business

Samsung halts sales of Galaxy Note 7 after new troubles

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Samsung said Tuesday it is halting sales of the star-crossed Galaxy Note 7 smartphone after a spate of fires involving new devices that were supposed to be safe replacements for recalled models.

The company ordered the suspension of sales on the recommendation of South Korean safety officials, who say they suspect a new defect in the replacement phones that may not be related to its batteries.

"We would have not taken this measure if it had looked like the problems could be easily resolved," Oh Yu-cheon, a senior official at the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards that oversees product recalls, said in a phone interview. He said it would take more time than the agency originally thought to figure out what's wrong.

In the meantime, the agency is urging consumers not to use the phones.

Last month, Samsung issued a global recall. It blamed a tiny manufacturing error in the battery that it said made the phones prone to catch fire.

Oh said the investigators are studying a different defect from the one Samsung said it had found in the first batch of Galaxy Note 7s.

"The improved product does not have the same defect. That's why we think there is a new defect," Oh said.

In a statement issued late Monday, Samsung Electronics Inc. said consumers with original Note 7 devices or replacements they obtained after the recall should turn them off and seek a refund or exchange them for different phones.

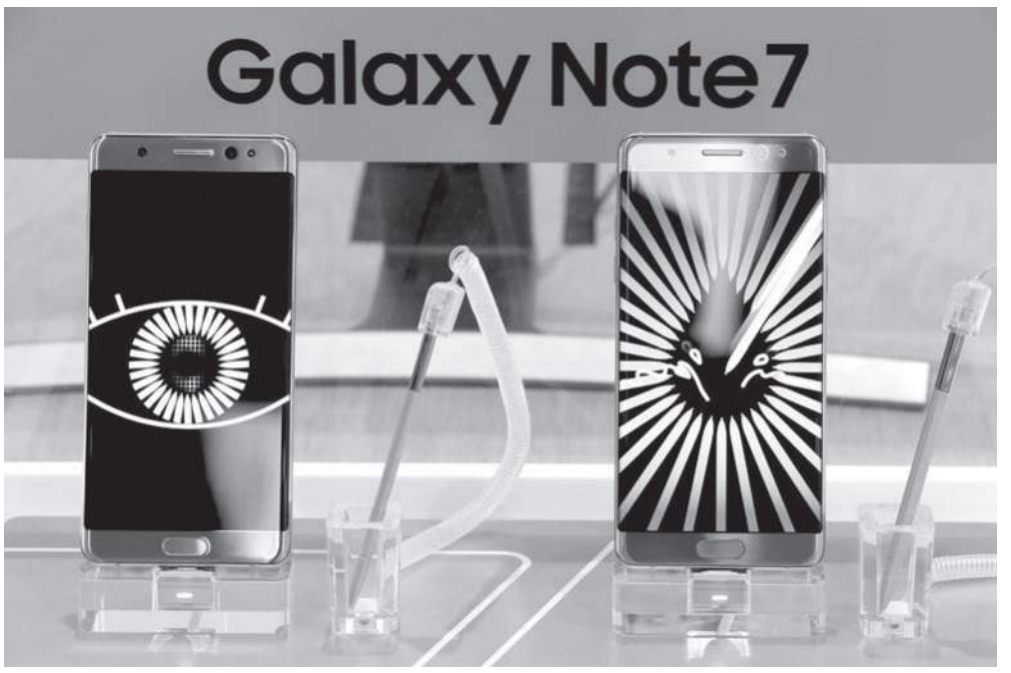
Officials from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission echoed that advice, saying they are investigating at least five incidents of fire or overheating reported since a formal recall in the U.S. was announced on Sept. 15.

"No one should have to be concerned their phone will endanger them, their family or their property," said Elliot Kaye, chairman of the safety commission, in a statement. He called Samsung's decision to stop distributing the device "the right move" in light of "ongoing safety concerns."

NEW OVERHEATING INCIDENTS

The announcement follows several new incidents of overheating last week and deals a further blow to the world's largest smartphone company. Leading wireless carriers have already said they would stop distributing new Note 7 phones as replacements for the earlier recall.

Samsung said it would ask all carriers and retailers to stop selling the phones and providing them as replacements for recalled devices. It said consumers should return their phones to the place where they purchased them. They can also get information from the company's website .



AP

Samsung Electronics Galaxy Note 7 smartphones are displayed at its shop in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016.

Casino industry leaders back Las Vegas stadium proposal

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP)—Heavy hitters in Nevada's casino industry are going to bat for a project backed by one of their competitors, saying a proposed NFL stadium and a convention center expansion in Las Vegas are game-changing opportunities that Nevada lawmakers shouldn't pass up.

Steve Wynn of Wynn Resorts, MGM Resorts International CEO Jim Murren and Caesars Entertainment Executive Vice President Jan Jones Blackhurst gave speeches Monday to Nevada lawmakers who are meeting in a special session to vet public financing for a stadium that's backed by Las Vegas Sands casino mogul Sheldon Adelson. The venue could house the Raiders.

"This is an absolute dead-bang, winning opportunity, and I hope you will find it in your wisdom to approve it shortly," Wynn told lawmakers, saying professional sports would be a cornerstone to the stability of Nevada tourism. "I personally believe that if we lose this opportunity, it will be one of the most heartbreaking mistakes we've ever made."

Blackhurst, the former mayor of Las Vegas, said the projects will take the tourism mecca to the next level.

"We've been offered a gift here," she said. "We've been offered a gift that takes us from 45 million visitors, to 55, to 65 million visitors."

Murren fought back against the idea that his company, the largest employer in the state and a major player in the convention industry, would be threatened by the improvements.

"You might come to the conclusion that MGM would be opposed to both of the projects before you. In fact, the exact opposite is true," he said. "We know the entire community benefits when our convention center is full."

The testimonials are likely to add credibility and political cover to the stadium proposal, which has attracted criticism from the powerful Culinary Union and some progressive and faith-based groups who say any tax increases should first go to Nevada's bottom-ranking public school system. Adelson, one of the richest men in the world, wants to put $650 million of his own money toward a $1.9 billion venue and is asking for $750 million in public hotel tax revenue.

Warren Buffett responds to Donald Trump's tax comments

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Investor Warren Buffett says he's never used the kind of tax deduction that Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump did, and Buffett says he's paid taxes every year for 72 years.

Buffett sent out a statement Monday responding to Trump's comments during Sunday's debate when Trump confirmed using a $916 million loss in 1995 to avoid paying federal income taxes.

Buffett also released details of his own taxes and reiterated his call for Trump to release his tax returns. Buffett is a longtime supporter of Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton.

"I have been audited by the IRS multiple times and am currently being audited," Buffett said. "I have no problem in releasing my tax information while under audit. Neither would Mr. Trump—at least he would have no legal problem."

Buffett reported an adjusted gross income of $11,563,931 in 2015. The billionaire said his return included $5,477,694 of deductions, but tax laws kept him from claiming most of his $2,858,057,970 charitable gifts as deductions.

Buffett said he paid $1,845,557 in federal income taxes last year.

"I have paid federal income tax every year since 1944, when I was 13. (Though, being a slow starter, I owed only $7 in tax that year,)" he said.

Buffett, who is Berkshire Hathaway's chairman and CEO, said he has never used the kind of loss carryforward that Trump employed when he claimed $916 million in losses in 1995. That loss may have allowed Trump to avoid paying federal taxes for several years.

Salary review requires homework

YOUR OFFICE COACH

By MARIE G. MCINTYRE
Tribune News Service

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Q: I recently realized that my salary doesn't match my level of responsibility. For 11 years, I have worked for a small, family-owned business which has experienced considerable growth. During that time, my duties have expanded exponentially, but my pay has increased only modestly.

In reviewing salary comparisons, I have discovered that people in similar jobs make almost twice as much as I do. Closing this gap would require a $50,000 increase. Although I think my bosses will approve a raise, I'm afraid such a large request might not be well-received.

I have heard that you should always specify a certain amount when discussing a pay increase. However, in this case, I wonder if I should simply provide the comparison data and see how my managers react. What do you think about this?

A: Your problem is certainly not unique. In a growing business, duties can easily expand until the original job morphs into something completely different. But before making your case for a raise, you must be sure that you are comparing apples and apples.

If you only consider job titles, pay comparisons may be meaningless, because the same label is often applied to widely differing roles. For an accurate assessment, you have to look at responsibilities. Company size and location are also relevant factors, since salaries tend to be higher in large corporations and urban areas.

If valid comparisons still show a significant gap, then it's time to request a salary review. Naming a specific figure is often recommended because it conveys your expectations and becomes the starting point for negotiations. Otherwise, your boss may start with an offer which is unacceptably low.

Finally, if you expect management to resist "catching you up" all at once, be prepared to suggest a two-step process. By agreeing on your next raise now, you can avoid having to repeat this uncomfortable conversation.

Q: I manage a small community bank which has very conservative customers. To avoid offending them and present the proper image, we ask employees to abide by a specific dress code. New hires are sent these guidelines before they report to work.

Our latest employee often wears skirts which are inappropriately short. I need to discuss this with her, but I'm not sure how to approach the subject. Any suggestions?

A: Instead of criticizing your new arrival for her fashion choices, take this opportunity to explain both the rules and the reason for them.

For example: "In case you didn't have a chance to read our dress code, I wanted to review those guidelines with you. We require conservative attire here because many of our customers are very conventional, and we don't want to offend them. For that reason, your skirts will need to be slightly longer than you may be accustomed to."

You should then provide a specific definition of acceptable skirt length and thank her for making the change. To prevent similar problems in the future, include a detailed dress code discussion in your employee orientation sessions. Unfortunately, providing advance reading material does not guarantee that it will actually be read.

Nation

Giving up on Trump? Ryan focusing on saving GOP majority

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Speaker Paul Ryan, the nation's top elected Republican, effectively abandoned Donald Trump Monday, telling anxious fellow lawmakers he will not campaign for or defend the floundering businessman in the election's closing weeks. Pro-Trump members rebelled in anger, accusing Ryan of conceding the election to Hillary Clinton.

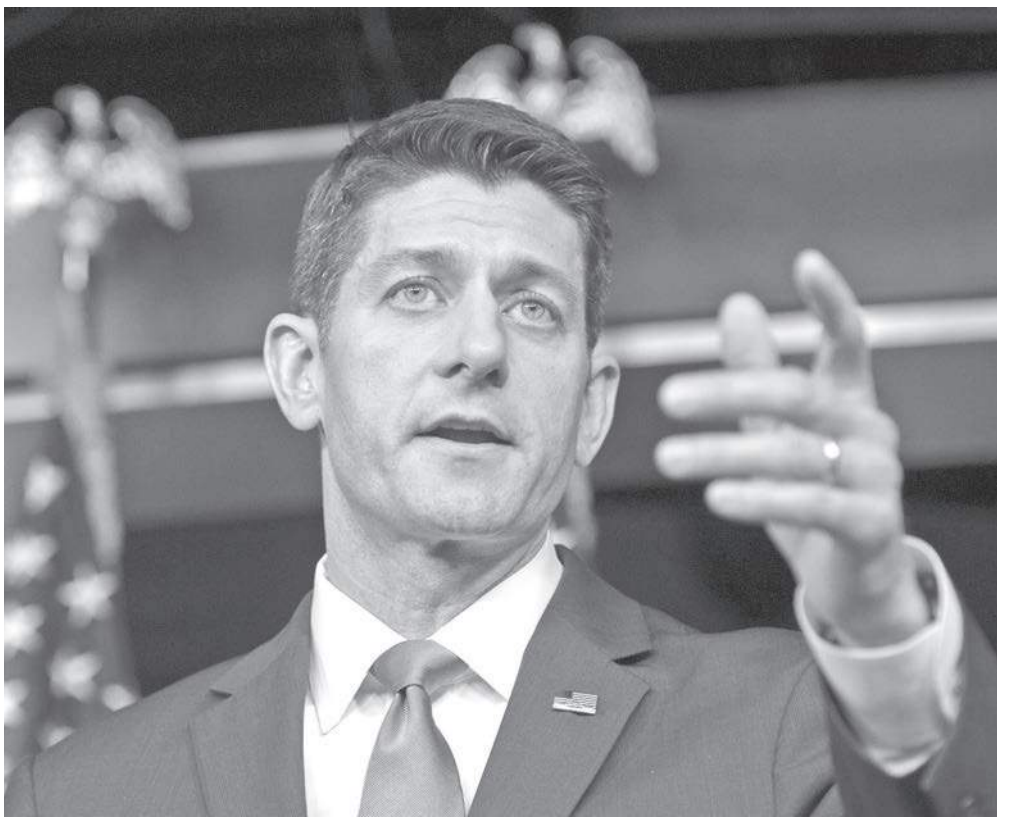
Indeed, Ryan said he would devote his energy to ensuring Clinton doesn't get a "blank check" as president with a Democratic-controlled Congress, according to people on his private conference call with GOP House members. While the Wisconsin Republican did not formally rescind his own tepid endorsement of Trump, he told lawmakers they were free to do just that and fight for their own re-election.

Trump fired back on Twitter, saying Ryan "should spend more time on balancing the budget, jobs and illegal immigration and not waste his time on fighting Republican nominee."

Trump retained the backing of the Republican National Committee, which has overseen crucial field efforts for the candidate in battleground states. On a conference call with RNC members, chairman Reince Priebus said the party remains in full coordination with Trump.

"Everything is on course," Priebus said, according to a participant in the call.

Still, Ryan's announcement underscored the perilous predicament Republicans find themselves in one month from Election Day. Recent revelations of Trump's predatory sexual comments about women deepened the worries among GOP officials who fear he'll drag down their own electoral prospects in November. But others look at Trump's loyal bands of supporters and see no way for Republicans in other races to win without their support.



AP

In this May 12, 2016, file photo, House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis. speaks with reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, following his meeting with Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump.

Trump himself made no reference to Ryan and the GOP defections at a Pennsylvania rally, except perhaps one line that could apply to fleeing Republicans as well as the Democrats.

"The last 72 hours has framed what this election is all about. It's about the American people fighting back against corrupt politicians who don't care about anything except for staying in power," he said.

Running mate Mike Pence said he was staying with Trump. "I'm honored to be standing with him," Pence said.

Trump's candidacy long ago laid bare the turmoil roiling the GOP. Some party leaders had hoped to push off a reckoning until after the election, but with Ryan and other lawmakers publicly distancing themselves from Trump—and in some cases even calling for the real estate mogul to drop out of the race—that now appears impossible.

Chicago teachers, district reach tentative deal; no strike

CHICAGO (AP)—Chicago teachers and the nation's third-largest school district struck a tentative deal on a new contract late Monday, averting what would have been the second major strike since 2012 for Chicago Public Schools just hours before union members were set to hit the picket lines.

Chicago Teachers Union President Karen Lewis said at a news conference just before midnight Tuesday that after more than a year of negotiations, the two sides had hammered out an agreement that isn't perfect but is good for students, teachers and the city.

The deal still must be approved by the union's House of Delegates and the full membership, a process that could take weeks.

"There will be classes in the morning," she said. "It wasn't easy as you all know ... we're very pleased we were able to come to this."

Lewis gave few details of the four-year proposal, though she said it included cost-of-living increases in the third and fourth year and that it doesn't require current teachers to pay more toward their pensions—a change CPS had been seeking and the union rejected earlier this year. But future CPS hires would have to pick up that additional pension cost, Lewis said.

There was no immediate comment from CPS, and no details about how much the deal would cost or how the financially struggling district would pay for it.

The CTU had directed its roughly 28,000 members to report to picket lines Tuesday morning unless they heard otherwise from union negotiators for a walkout that would have affected nearly 400,000 students.

The two sides held negotiations throughout the weekend. On Monday afternoon, teachers picked up strike placards and painted banners. Earlier in the day, parents and other supporters rallied across from Mayor Rahm Emanuel's home.

"Nobody wants to go on strike but I think the teachers finally said 'Enough is enough,'" Nate Rasmussen, a preschool teacher at Beasley Elementary School on the city's South Side said prior to the tentative deal. He said the district's 2013 closing of some 50 schools, layoffs of thousands of teachers in recent years and other spending cuts have made the job tougher.

Teachers have been without a contract since June 2015. The union wanted no cuts to salary or benefits and an additional $200 million—or $500 per student—in spending to ensure adequate staffing and "to accommodate the needs of our children," Lewis said on Friday.

Call that ended officers lives was among most unpredictable

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP)—A domestic violence call that ended the lives of two California police officers last weekend was the kind of report that many authorities say they hate and fear the most.

For no matter how much training and experience officers receive, they often have little idea what awaits them when they approach the scene of such a disturbance.

"You never know all the facts until you get there. And you never know what's on the other side of that door," said Erroll Southers, a former police officer and FBI special agent who is currently director of the Homegrown Violent Studies Program at the University of Southern California.

Police say Palm Springs Officers Jose "Gil" Gilbert Vega and Lesley Zerebny had just asked John Felix to come out of his family's home Saturday when he opened fire through the closed front door.

A neighborhood home surveillance system recorded the sound of dozens of gunshots echoing through the ordinarily quiet neighborhood. Its camera did not show the officers.

Vega and Zerebny were killed and a third officer was treated for a gunshot wound and later released from a hospital. A fourth officer was unharmed.

A neighbor, Frances Serrano, told The Associated Press that the suspect's panicked father, Santos Felix, told her just before the shooting that his 26-year-old son was armed and "acting crazy."

When she suggested he call police, Serrano said he told her, "'Yeah, he already knows they are coming, and he is going to shoot them.'"

Efforts to reach Santos Felix for comment have been unsuccessful.

John Felix was apprehended early Sunday after a lengthy standoff and authorities say he will be charged with murder.

Authorities have so far declined to release a 911 recording alerting police about a problem or say who made the call, and it wasn't immediately clear if the officers knew they were about to confront someone waiting to kill them.

Vega and Zerebny, like all California peace officers, were thoroughly trained in handling domestic violence calls, said Riverside County sheriff's Deputy Mike Vasquez, whose agency is investigating the shooting.

Vega, 63, was a 35-year veteran of the force who was preparing to retire soon. Zerenby, 27, had been with the department about 18 months and her husband is a sheriff's deputy. The couple has a 4-month old daughter.

All of the officers at the Felix home were wearing bulletproof vests, a Palm Springs Police Department requirement, said Sgt. William Hutchinson.

After Matthew, some second-guess decision to evacuate

MIAMI (AP)—Maureen Miller was among the 2 million people ordered to evacuate coastal areas in the Southeast ahead of Hurricane Matthew. Her family and their dog spent two nights in a hotel and struggled through police roadblocks to return.

When they finally got back, their Brunswick, Georgia-area home was unscathed. Now they wish they had never left.

"I will never evacuate again," Miller said. "If we stayed, we'd be fine. I'm sure there are a lot of people who feel the same way."

Weather experts and government officials worry that people who quickly packed up and left but whose homes sustained little or no damage might be reluctant to evacuate next time, leading to deadly consequences.

"We are a culture that seems to get angry if the worst-case scenario doesn't happen and we prepare for it," said Marshall Shepherd, director of the University of Georgia Atmospheric Sciences Program. "I am continually baffled at the people that seem to anger that there is not more loss of life and destruction. That is the point of evacuating."

An old hurricane adage says that people should hide from the wind and run from the water. Much of the concern about Hurricane Matthew was focused on its howling 145 mph winds. At its height, the system was a Category 4 storm. But the reason for the evacuations had more to do with potential coastal storm surge.

"Nine out of 10 people who lose their lives in hurricanes do so from the water, not the wind. And half of those are due to storm surge," said Dennis Feltgen, spokesman for the Miami-based National Hurricane Center. "Many people do not realize the sheer power of water."

Predictions in Florida called for storm surge of up to 9 feet above normal, with large waves on top of that. While the surge did not quite reach those levels, it did cause flooding and massive beach erosion in places such as St. Augustine and Flagler Beach.

David Waters, spokesman for Brevard County, Florida, emergency operations, said some people on barrier islands began calling for help early Friday, but first responders were not able to safely go out.

"I've talked to other families who have said things like, 'We're scared. We wish we hadn't stayed,'" Waters said.

Others say the massive evacuations may have been an overreaction.

Asia

Taiwan president says won't bow to Beijing, calls for talks

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Taiwan's new president, Tsai Ing-wen, said Monday her self-ruled island will not bow to Chinese pressure and that Beijing should recognize her government's existence and engage with it in talks, in remarks likely to further anger China.

Speaking in a National Day address, Tsai acknowledged that ties between Taiwan and China have been bumpy in recent months.

"But we will not bow to pressure, and we will of course not revert to the old path of confrontation," she said at a ceremony outside the Presidential Office Building in central Taipei attended by 11,000 people, including more than 360 foreign guests.

China should "face up to the reality" of the Taiwanese government's existence and of the island's democracy, Tsai said, adding that the two sides should "sit down and talk as soon as possible."

China claims Taiwan is its own territory, to be brought under its control by force if necessary. Tsai's election in January upended Beijing's strategy of using economic inducements to convince Taiwanese that political unification is not only inevitable but also in their best interests.

Tsai said her government wants to maintain the status quo, referring to the state of tense but stable peace and robust economic exchanges between the sides, which split during China's civil war in 1949.

China has said it isn't satisfied with that position and demands she endorse Beijing's formulation that the two are part of a single Chinese nation. That formula was embraced by her predecessor, Ma Ying-jeou, who was seated on the stage at the ceremony.

AP

Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen delivers a speech during National Day celebrations in front of the Presidential Building in Taipei, Taiwan, Monday, Oct. 10, 2016.

Tsai's reluctance to do so, and risk alienating her party's supporters, clashes with her hopes for renewed talks between the sides that Beijing cut off shortly after her May inauguration, said Liu Yi-jiun, a professor of public affairs at Taiwan's Fo Guang University.

"So far I just don't see anything happening at this time," Liu said. "(Tsai) really wants her counterparts to sit down and find some solution. That's something positive. But I don't think these kinds of words will turn the situation around."

Whether Taiwan's public likes the speech is hard to say because it covers "nothing new," Liu said, adding that China "will just carry on."

Tsai's reference to the need to maintain progress since a breakthrough meeting in 1992 between the sides, and her use of Taiwan's official name, the Republic of China, could be seen by Beijing as a positive sign that she intends no radical moves toward formal independence, said Nathan Liu, an international affairs professor at Ming Chuan University in Taipei.

If China instead insists on maintaining the current stalemate, "that's not going to help," he said.

Responding to Tsai's remarks, a spokesman for China's Taiwan Affairs Office said Beijing would not budge from its fundamental demands and would oppose and contain any steps toward Taiwanese independence.

Spokesman An Fengshan said in a statement that talks can only proceed on the basis of the formulation Beijing calls the "92 consensus" that recognizes Taiwan and China as part of a single Chinese nation.

Rejecting that principle is an "evil road that goes nowhere," An said.

Australian opposition decides to sink gay marriage vote

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—The Australian opposition on Tuesday decided to block government plans for a public but non-binding vote on recognizing gay marriage, arguing it would better if the issue was decided in Parliament.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's conservative coalition government needs center-left Labor Party's support to get enabling legislation through the Senate to hold a national vote on gay marriage on Feb. 11.

But a meeting of Labor lawmakers on Tuesday unanimously decided against supporting the plebiscite, opposition leader Bill Shorten said.

While Labor supports gay marriage, it argues the plebiscite would trigger a divisive public debate. Labor argues the Parliament should decide the issue without asking the public.

"This country does not have the right in a plebiscite to pass judgment on the marriages and relationships of some of our fellow Australians. It is not what Australia is about," Shorten told reporters.

Turnbull, a marriage equality advocate, said despite the Labor comments, the idea of a plebiscite was not dead. He said the enabling bill would be voted on in the Senate after it was passed this week by the House of Representatives where the government holds a majority.

"We urge the senators—all the members of the Senate, including the Labor Party—to support that bill and give the people their say," Turnbull told reporters.

The Australian Christian Lobby, which opposes marriage equality, said it was disappointed "that ordinary Australians are being shut out from having a say about the biggest social policy change in a generation."

The government late Monday released draft amendments to the federal marriage law that would be put to Parliament if a majority of Australians endorse gay marriage in the plebiscite. Opinion polls show most Australians support marriage equality.

Most gay rights advocates fear that an aggressive scare campaign could result in the plebiscite failing, putting same-sex marriage off the national agenda for decades. Some conservative lawmakers have said they will vote against gay marriage in Parliament even if a majority of Australians support it.

But some marriage equality advocates fear that Labor's decision has ended any chance of same-sex marriage law reform during Parliament's current three-year term.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Death toll rises to 22 in eastern China building collapse

BEIJING (AP)—The death toll has risen to at least 22 in the collapse of a group of decrepit homes in eastern China, state media reported Tuesday. There were six survivors pulled from the rubble on the outskirts of the city of Wenzhou in Zhejiang province, Xinhua News Agency said in a brief report, adding search and rescue efforts were "basically over." The cause of the collapses on Monday was under investigation, although reports said the four buildings were built in the 1970s by their farmer owners and were in a highly degraded state. Extra floors had been added over the years, making them between three and five stories high and further weakening their structures. Poor construction quality has long been a problem in China, particularly in the countryside and smaller cities.

Parents of teen girl who died fasting investigated in India

HYDERABAD, India (AP)—Police said Monday they are investigating the parents of a teenage girl who died after fasting for 68 days in a religious ritual in southern India, an inspector said. The 13-year-old girl's father denied allegations that his daughter was forced to fast as part of a ritual practiced by Jains, an Indian religion that preaches nonviolence. "She wanted to become a Jain nun, and had gone on fast twice in the past," Lakshmi Chand Samdariya told The Associated Press. "She never faced any problem" before. But two days after ending her latest fast, when she was on a liquid diet, "her condition deteriorated," Samdariya said. "We shifted her to a local hospital, where she was declared dead" on Oct. 3. Police in the southern city of Hyderabad opened the case against the girl's parents after a complaint was filed by a children's rights association, Inspector M. Mattaiah said.

Kazakhstan establishes peace prize, awards king of Jordan

MOSCOW (AP)—The president of Kazakhstan says King Abdullah II of Jordan will be the first recipient of a new award established by the ex-Soviet Central Asian nation to mark contributions to global security and nuclear disarmament. Nursultan Nazarbayev announced Monday that Abdullah will become the first recipient of the $1 million prize. Nazarbayev established the prize to acknowledge contributions to global security, regional stability and nuclear non-proliferation by world leaders and organizations. He hailed the king's efforts to make Jordan an anchor of stability in the turbulent Middle East region. Abdullah is to receive the inaugural prize next month in Kazakhstan's capital, Astana. During the Soviet times, Kazakhstan's territory was used for nuclear weapons tests. The prize marks the closure of the test facility in Semipalatinsk.

Seoul summons Chinese envoy over sinking of coast guard ship

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea on Tuesday summoned China's ambassador to protest what is says was the ramming and sinking of a South Korean coast guard vessel by Chinese fishing boats.

The sinking happened Friday when coast guard officers were trying to stop about 40 Chinese fishing boats from suspected illegal fishing off South Korea's west coast. No causalities or injuries were reported, according to the coast guard.

One coast guard officer was on the South Korean vessel rammed by two Chinese boats before he jumped into the water and was rescued by his colleagues. Eight other coast guard officers had boarded a Chinese boat for an inspection, the coast guard said in a statement.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry on Tuesday summoned the Chinese ambassador, Qiu Guohong, and complained about the sinking. On Sunday, the ministry summoned the Chinese consul general, according to ministry officials.

Beijing's Foreign Ministry said Monday that Chinese authorities were still verifying the situation but urged South Korea to remain calm.

South Korean media reported that coast guard officers fired shots at the fishing boats and into the sky as the boats approached the South Korean vessel.

Coast guard officials said Tuesday that they can confirm that warning shots were fired into the sky, but said they were still investigating if any were fired at the Chinese boats.

The coast guard said the vessel that was sunk, at 4.5 tons, was dispatched from a larger ship to inspect the fishing boats. It said one of the Chinese boats was much larger at 100 tons.

Violent clashes have occurred in recent years between South Korea's coast guard and Chinese fishing boats venturing farther from their increasingly barren home waters.

Late last month, three Chinese fishermen died after a fire erupted when South Korean coast guard officers threw "flashbang" grenades into their boat. Flashbang grenades are non-lethal devices that produce a blinding flash of light and loud sound.

World

For showing how contracts work best, 2 economists win Nobel

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Let insiders easily cash in stock options, as Enron did, and you risk seeing executives abandon a failing company. Encourage contractors to sacrifice quality to cut costs and you might cause problems like those that led the U.S. Justice Department to phase out privately run prisons.

Designing contracts is a tricky business. For their groundbreaking work on how to make contracts fairer and more effective, Oliver Hart of Harvard University and Bengt Holmstrom of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology won the 2016 Nobel prize for economics Monday. They will share the 8 million kronor ($930,000) award for their contributions to contract theory.

For decades, the two men have studied practical problems involving the countless kinds of contracts that underlie modern commerce:

How should companies pay their executives? What types of tasks should government agencies outsource to private contractors? How best to write an auto insurance policy to protect drivers from financial loss without lulling them into carelessness?

Pay packages, Holmstrom's work suggests, are best tailored to avoid either punishing or rewarding CEOs for happenings beyond their control.

"You don't want to reward the CEO because the S&P 500 (stock index) has gone up 20 percent," said Patrick Bolton of Columbia University Business School, who studied under Hart and has written a textbook on the economics of contracts. "You want to reward the CEO when his company outperforms the S&P."

Likewise, companies fare best when they establish pay packages that incentivize executives to prioritize the long term as much as the short term, to avoid focusing too much on quarterly profit expectations.

"These kinds of insights into how we should design contracts are very important because we don't want to give the wrong incentives to people," said Tomas Sjostrom, a member of the Nobel committee. "We don't want to reward them for things that they were not responsible for. We want to reward the right thing."

Hart, 68, is a London-born U.S. citizen who has taught at Harvard since 1993. Holmstrom, 67, is an academic from Finland who formerly served on the board of the country's mobile phone company Nokia. Economists who have long known the two men and their work offered warm praise Monday.

"This is the Nobel Prize in economics at its best," said George Akerlof of Georgetown University, who won the prize in 2001. "The character of both Bengt and Oliver shines through in their work and their character: They are true intellectuals and truly great people."

At a news conference at MIT, Holmstrom declined to say whether he thought CEO pay—a hotly contentious issue in the United States and elsewhere—had become excessive.

"It is somewhat demand and supply working its magic," he said.

But he said companies can give executives the wrong incentives, as the energy firm Enron did, when it allowed insiders to unload their stock options as the company fell into a death spiral.

"The problem wasn't options," Holmstrom said. "The problem was the way people could sell out."

Nobel Prize in economic sciences

*The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences 2016 to **Oliver Hart** and **Bengt Holmström** for their contributions to contract theory. Their analysis of optimal contractual arrangements lays an intellectual foundation for designing policies and institutions in many areas, from bankruptcy legislation to political constitutions.*

Here is a list of some of the past winners and their achievements

2015 - Angus Deaton: *For work that's helped redefine the way poverty is measured around the world, notably in India.*

2010 - Peter A. Diamond, Dale T. Mortensen and Christopher A. Pissarides: *For their analysis of markets with search frictions.*

2005 - Robert J. Aumann and Thomas C. Schelling: *For having enhanced our understanding of conflict and cooperation through game-theory analysis.*

2000 - James J. Heckman and Daniel L. McFadden: *Hickman for his development of theory and methods for analyzing selective samples. McFadden for his development of theory and methods for analyzing discrete choice.*

1995 - Robert E. Lucas Jr: *For having developed and applied the hypothesis of rational expectations, and thereby having transformed macroeconomic analysis and deepened our understanding of economic policy.*

1990 - Harry M. Markowitz, Merton H. Miller and William F. Sharpe: *For their pioneering work in the theory of financial economics.*

1985 - Franco Modigliani: *For his pioneering analyses of saving and of financial markets.*

1980 - Lawrence R. Klein: *For the creation of econometric models and the application to the analysis of economic fluctuations and economic policies.*

1975 - Leonid Vitaliyevich Kantorovich and Tjalling C. Koopmans: *For their contributions to the theory of optimum allocation of resources.*

1970 - Paul A. Samuelson: *For the scientific work through which he has developed static and dynamic economic theory and actively contributed to raising the level of analysis in economic science.*

1969 - Ragnar Frisch and Jan Tinbergen: *For having developed and applied dynamic models for the analysis of economic processes.*

Source: Nobelprize.org
Graphic: Greg Good

Health conditions worsen as aid trickles into remote Haiti

DAME MARIE, Haiti (AP)—In this most western tip of Haiti, 300 patients with festering wounds lay silently on beds at the main hospital in the seaside village of Dame Marie waiting for medicine a week after Hurricane Matthew hit the remote peninsula.

Among the injured was Beauvoir Luckner, a cobbler and farmer who walked 12 kilometers (7 miles) in three days after a tree crushed his leg and killed his mother when it fell on their house. His leg might have to be amputated, but all doctors can do is clean his wounds because the hospital has run out of everything, including pain killers.

"There's no water, no antibiotics," Dr. Herby Jean told The Associated Press. "Everything is depleted ... We hear helicopters flying overhead, but we're not getting anything."

There was also no power and frustration grew on Tuesday as food, medicine and fresh water kept arriving at the main city in Haiti's southwest peninsula but was slow to reach increasingly desperate communities like Dame Marie.

Meanwhile, Luckner lay on a mattress with no sheets and a bandage around his left leg.

"It took a lot of misery to get here and now that I'm here, there's still misery," he said.

Meanwhile, at a cramped police station serving as a makeshift clinic in the nearby town of Marfranc, Darline Derosier fastened IV drips to jail cell bars, wiped the brows of cholera patients and tended to the wounds of those injured in the storm.

Source: AP, BBC
Graphic: Tribune News Service

She was the only health worker helping about 40 patients inside the station bereft of police as she waited for help to arrive. Among the patients was an elderly woman lying unconscious on a jail cell floor with a leg bandaged in an old rag and a man with gashes around his neck, his eyes fluttering.

"People will die soon if we don't get some aid," an overwhelmed Derosier told the AP.

The U.N. humanitarian agency in Geneva has made an emergency appeal for nearly $120 million in aid, saying about 750,000 people in southwest Haiti alone will need "life-saving assistance and protection" in the next three months. U.N. officials said earlier that at least 1.4 million people across the region need assistance and that 2.1 million overall have been affected by the hurricane. Some 175,000 people remain in shelters.

As babies stricken by Zika turn 1, health problems mount

RECIFE, Brazil (AP)—Two weeks shy of his first birthday, doctors began feeding Jose Wesley Campos through a nose tube because swallowing problems had left him dangerously underweight.

Learning how to feed is the baby's latest struggle as medical problems mount for him and many other infants born with small heads to mothers infected with the Zika virus in Brazil.

"It hurts me to see him like this. I didn't want this for him," said Jose's mother, Solange Ferreira, breaking into tears as she cradled her son.

A year after a spike in the number of newborns with the defect known as microcephaly, doctors and researchers have seen many of the babies develop swallowing difficulties, epileptic seizures and vision and hearing problems.

While more study is needed, the conditions appear to be causing more severe problems in these infants than in patients born with small heads because of the other infections known to cause microcephaly, such as German measles and herpes. The problems are so particular that doctors are now calling the condition congenital Zika syndrome.

"We are seeing a lot of seizures. And now they are having many problems eating, so a lot of these children start using feeding tubes," said Dr. Vanessa Van der Linden, a pediatric neurologist in Recife who was one of the first doctors to suspect that Zika caused microcephaly.

Zika, mainly transmitted by mosquito, was not known to cause birth defects until a large outbreak swept through northeastern states in Latin America's largest nation, setting off alarm worldwide. Numerous studies confirmed the link.

Seven percent of the babies with microcephaly that Van der Linden and her team have treated were also born with arm and leg deformities that had not previously been linked to other causes of microcephaly, she said.

To complicate matters, there are babies whose heads were normal at birth but stopped growing proportionally months later. Other infants infected with the virus in the womb did not have microcephaly but developed different problems, such as a patient of Van der Linden's who started having difficulties moving his left hand.

"We may not even know about the ones with slight problems out there," Van der Linden said. "We are writing the history of this disease."

Medics plead for access to Syria's embattled Aleppo

BEIRUT (AP)—Doctors Without Borders pleaded on Monday for access to treat the wounded in the rebel-held part of Syria's Aleppo as government forces pressed ahead with an offensive that has killed hundreds of people in recent weeks.

The international charity, also known by its French acronym MSF, said in a statement that medical workers in Aleppo are exhausted and that the overstretched facilities face an impending fuel shortage. MSF, which supports eight hospitals in Aleppo's besieged eastern quarters, says just 35 doctors remain in the area, serving a population of 275,000.

Eastern Aleppo's Health Directorate said the wounded were sleeping outside overcrowded hospitals, waiting for care. The U.N. has warned that the Aleppo bombardment by Syrian and Russian warplanes could leave thousands more dead by the year's end.

"Russia and Syria must stop the indiscriminate bombing now and abide by the rules of war to avoid the extreme suffering of the unprotected civilian population," said Pablo Marco, MSF's operations manager for the Middle East.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the conflict through local contacts, reported heavy fighting along the east-west Aleppo front lines. Another activist-run group, the Local Coordination Committees, said rebels were fighting to repel government forces from the city's largest water facility, which serves over a million people.

In another besieged area near the capital, Damascus, doctors reported up to two dozen cases of kidney failure that they said resulted from malnutrition. Muhammad Darwish, a local physician, said doctors confirmed renal failure in 12 people in the town of Madaya and were investigating another 12 cases.

Government forces have laid siege to Madaya, home to some 40,000 people, since late last year. Last winter, MSF reported at least 16 deaths there resulting from malnutrition and lack of medical care.

Good Housekeeping

DIGGIN' IN:

Dogbane: Good for insects, bad for dogs

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

Monarch butterfly on dogbane blossom. TNS

Interesting fruits and seeds in the fall garden add a visual interest that draws the eye as much as stunning flowers do.

Summer-flowering native dogbane is one of those very plants.

"After pollination, fruits appear as long cylinders that split open, releasing seeds covered with long tufts of silky hairs, easily dispersed by the wind," says Helen Hamilton, past president of the John Clayton Chapter, Virginia Native Plant Society, and retired biology teacher living in Williamsburg, Va.

Dogbane, or Apocynum cannabinum, is a shrub-like herbaceous perennial that grows 3 to 5 feet tall with attractive purplish stems that branch near the top, according to Hamilton. Like milkweeds, which they superficially resemble, both stems and leaves produce a milky sap when broken. Monarchs and other butterflies sip nectar from the flowers and occasionally lay a few eggs, but none develop into caterpillars.

May through July, white bell-like flowers, sweetly fragrant, appear in clusters at the ends of branches. The flowers produce lots of nectar and attract many kinds of insects — bees, beetles, bugs and butterflies.

Easy to grow with erect stems, dogbane fits nicely at the back of a perennial border or at the edge of woodlands, but the plant spreads quickly from underground rhizomes and can be too aggressive for a small garden, advises Hamilton. Dogbane prefers full sun and somewhat moist soils but tolerates both flooding and drought. The plant grows naturally in all counties of Virginia and throughout the United States and Canada.

The common name, dogbane, refers to the plant's toxic nature, which has been described as "poisonous to dogs," but it is poisonous to animals and humans alike. Apocynum means "away, dog" and cannabinum means "like hemp," in reference to the strong cordage that was made by weaving together the stem's long fibers.

Also known as "Indian hemp," Native American women made miles and miles of twine from the long fibers in the stems of dogbane. Their homes were constructed of vertical and horizontal poles covered with bent saplings, all lashed together with dogbane twine, which also furnished fishnets, baskets, mats and ropes.

"Such uses are thousands of years old — remnants of dogbane fibers have been found in ancient archeological sites," Hamilton says.

Attracting pearl crescent butterflies

If you see a medium-sized orange and black butterfly without the tails of a swallowtail butterfly, you can bet it's a pearl crescent, or Phyciodes tharos.

Adrienne Frank, coordinator of the Butterfly Circles in the Williamsburg area, says: "Pearl crescents are named for the tiny moon-crescent shape on its hindwing, seen when the wings are folded up (closed). They are sometimes known as 'pearly crescentspot.'"

In Hampton Roads, there are several broods each year, which is why pearl crescents are seen nearly all season, feeding on many flower species, according to Hamilton. Their favorites include dogbane, asters, swamp milkweed, black-eyed susans and thistles, all plants that thrive in full sun and open areas.

"This year was a good year for them in our area," Frank says.

"We've had them in our home garden almost all summer long. We've seen them on a wide array of flowering plants, probably because they have small mouth parts. They seemed particularly interested in yellow cone flowers and mountain mint."

Male pearl crescents are distinguished by black knobs on their antennae, according to Hamilton. The female lays her eggs in small groups on the underside of aster leaves, their host plants. Several species of asters are familiar food for the growing larvae, including Frost Aster (Symphyotrichum pilosum) and Smooth Aster (Symphyotrichum laeve), fall-blooming plants with multiple flowers on branching stems. The larvae are dark brown with a light line and covered with black bristly spines.

Pearl crescents are common in Hampton Roads and throughout the eastern United States and western states, according to Hamilton.

The $8,000 fridge: why appliance makers are aiming upscale.

LG Electronics is taking its brand uptown, a move into high-end appliances that reflects tepid consumer demand for mass market fridges and stoves.

The Seoul, South Korea-headquartered company, best known to many U.S. consumers for its sleek HDTVs, this week officially launches its LG Signature luxury brand with a quartet of new products including OLED TVs and a 31-cubic foot refrigerator with a see-through door.

When tapped twice, the refrigerator's InstaView feature lets you see inside without opening the door.Have your hands full with groceries? Move your foot along a sensor at the bottom of the fridge and the door automatically opens.

Those nifty features, plus a sleek design, come with a steep price—$8,499. But LG is betting that the niche of consumers who want them will grow faster than the broad market for a simpler variety, usually had for about $1,200.

Major appliance shipments to the U.S. are expected to remain flat at about 1 percent through August of this year, according to the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. However, interest in refrigerators and kitchen appliances is outpacing that at more than 4%. "We see that evidenced by the increased growth in stainless steel," said Jill Notini, vice president of communications and marketing for AHAM. "Consumers are definitely looking for professional styling in their kitchens."

Demand for TVs, the core of LG's business, are also falling. North American shipments of TVs this year are projected to slip just less than 1% to 42.8 million, based on estimates from IHS Markit Technology, while global shipments are expected to fall 1.6%.

Faced with the same headwinds, LG's competitors have already been peddling to the luxury market. LG Signature will be competing at the high end with Sony XBR and Samsung SUHD TVs, and with appliances from Bosch and Wolf.

Products within this new lineup aim to connect with "those who have extraordinary lifestyles and want to experience innovation in their daily lives," says LG Electronics USA CEO William Cho.

The high-end TV market has proved a sort of testing ground for LG and others, showing growth in a stagnating overall market.

"LG has been selling pricey OLEDs for a while now, the Signature lineup is just a super-premium line on top of that broader OLED lineup," said Paul Gagnon, director of TV sets research at IHS Markit Technology.

OLED TVs, which start at about $2,300, have helped LG increase its market share in the $1,000-up range to 15 percent in a mature TV market, Gagnon said. Samsung has 51 percent of that high-end TV market, while Sony has 21 percent. Samsung, for instance, has an 80-inch curved 4K SUHD TV, also priced at about $20,000.

"Because TV prices overall are falling, TV makers are seeing lower profit margins on all TV sales," said Brett Sappington, senior director of research at Parks Associates. "The highest-end premium market is the one place where the margins are still high."

And the competition isn't standing pat. Samsung just two months ago acquired California-based luxury appliance maker Dacor to bolster its high-end product offerings. It also brought to market in May its own Family Hub smart refrigerator (starting at $5,599) with a built-in WiFi-connected touchscreen that acts like a calendar, plays Pandora and lets you order groceries.

The other new LG Signature products include the 77-inch Signature OLED TV ($19,999), which is LG's thinnest ever at 2.57 millimeters. A 65-inch model ($7,999) has been available for two months. Both have an 80-watt harmon/kardon surround speaker system built into the TV stand.

An LED control panel is embedded into the glass door on the LG Signature Mega Capacity washer ($1,999). And the LG Signature Air Purifier (available in late 2016, $1,699) has a smart indicator that changes from red to blue as the indoor air quality improves.

All of these products, and future ones such as dryers and washer/dryer combos, will carry only an LG Signature emblem and not the usual LG brand markings. LG spent nearly two years conducting consumer research and working on design and features for the LG Signature line, Cho says. "It was time for us to evolve and showcase just how much we can do in terms of technology and design, particularly for our most discerning customers," he said.

The new products will be featured in "The Art of Essence" TV commercials hitting this week and the first products are on display over the next week in an artsy exhibition at Rockefeller Center. The exhibition then moves to Dallas and Los Angeles.

Can LG's signature move bear fruit? "LG is a relative newcomer to the industry and wants to show what it is capable of, and—like OLED—Signature proves what the company can do," says Keith Barry, editor-in-chief of home and auto coverage for Reviewed.com, which like USA TODAY, is owned by Gannett.

"Whether consumers are willing to spend Miele/Viking/Wolf money on a high-end LG remains to be seen," Barry said. "Traditional luxury customers tend to stick with what they know, which may be why LG is taking a tech-forward angle." ***(Mike Snider)***

Life & Style

Donald Trump: 'No reason' for Taj Mahal casino shutdown

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Donald Trump built the Taj Mahal casino and once called it "the eighth wonder of the world."

The Republican candidate in the race for the presidency—who took his Atlantic City casinos through bankruptcy four times—minced no words about Monday's shutdown of the gambling hall.

"There's no reason for this," Trump told The Associated Press in a recent interview as his friend and fellow billionaire Carl Icahn prepared to close the casino.

Just before 6 a.m. Monday, the Taj Mahal shuttered its doors amid a strike by union members that lasted more than 100 days. It is the fifth Atlantic City casino to close since 2014.

Trump said both sides should have been able to work out a deal to keep the casino open. Local 54 of the Unite-HERE union went on strike July 1, after it could not agree with Icahn on a new contract to restore health insurance and pension benefits that were terminated two years ago in bankruptcy court.

Icahn decided on Aug. 3 to close the casino, saying it lacked a "path to profitability."

And now, Trump said, it's too late.

"Once it closes, it's too expensive to ever reopen it," he said.

Yet that option is exactly what the union's president, Bob McDevitt, and many striking workers suspect might happen.

McDevitt said "there's a strong possibility" that Icahn will keep the casino closed over the winter while conducting renovations and capital improvements, then attempt to reopen it in the spring as a non-union facility. McDevitt said union job actions including picketing and a campaign to get convention groups to patronize other Atlantic City casinos would immediately resume if the Taj attempts to reopen without a union contract.

When asked about McDevitt's comments, Icahn spokesman Andrew Langham said: "Ask him whether the other four casinos he's closed ever reopened."

In August, just days after Icahn announced the closure plans, work crews repaired parts of the casino's facade and Boardwalk entry ways. The company said that those repairs needed to be done regardless of whether the casino is open or closed.

Nancy O'Dell: Even the locker room no excuse for Trump

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Entertainment Tonight" host Nancy O'Dell says women shouldn't be objectified, even in the locker room.

On the entertainment news show Monday, O'Dell addressed crude, taped comments made about her by GOP presidential contender Donald Trump in 2005 and his response following their release last week.

Referring to a previous statement, O'Dell repeated her assertion that "there is no room for objectification of women, or anyone for that matter." She then added, "not even in the locker room."

During Sunday's debate with Democratic contender Hillary Clinton, Trump dismissed his remarks to then-"Access Hollywood" host Billy Bush as "locker-room talk."

The candidate apologized for the vulgar banter, which included his assertion that he tried and failed to sleep with a married woman he called "Nancy."

"Access Hollywood" has identified O'Dell as the woman Trump referred to.

In the recording that was published Friday by The Washington Post and NBC News, Trump also said, "When you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything," adding, "Grab them by the p----. You can do anything."

Under questioning by debate moderator Anderson Cooper, Trump denied groping women or kissing women without consent.

In her on-air remarks Monday, O'Dell said she's been a journalist for more than two decades, and "it is my job to bring you news about others rather than turning the focus on myself."

But the release of the tape that's become a national story and part of the presidential race has "thrown me in the middle of the political arena of which I didn't ask to be a part," O'Dell said.

She used the opportunity to call for respect for all. Speaking as a mother, she said, children and especially young girls "need to know that their hard work, their achievements, their intelligence, their heart are most important."

O'Dell, who did not refer to Trump by name in her remarks, thanked viewers for the many "kind words" she has received.

With 3 NYFF films, Kristen Stewart admits she's a workaholic

NEW YORK (AP)—Three films in this year's New York Film Festival certainly qualify Kristen Stewart as a workaholic, but the actress doesn't think that's such a bad thing.

"Oh yeah, I'm totally addicted, man... I get super obsessed with stuff, you know, and which is to a fault. But it's served me well," said Stewart.

Since the "Twilight" franchise, the actress has quietly amassed an impressive body of work, including a trio of very different films at this year's festival. She's already premiered "Certain Women," directed by Kelly Reichardt, the festival is screening Olivier Assayas's "Personal Shopper," and Stewart will walk the red carpet again for Ang Lee's "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk" on Friday.

With a diverse set of roles since portraying Bella in the "Twilight" series, Stewart doesn't feel her evolution was intentional and says she just got lucky.

"Honestly, it was not like a tactical approach, you know what I mean? I've always known that if I have a certain dynamic with someone or conversation, it's either leading to productivity or not," Stewart said.

In this Oct. 3, 2016 file photo, actress Kristen Stewart attends a special screening of "Certain Women" during the 54th New York Film Festival in New York. AP

Besides acting, Stewart wants to direct, too, and working with Lee and Reichardt gave her a unique perspective, especially since the two take a completely different approach to directing a film.

"I think they are both absolute geniuses when it comes to being composed, and when it comes to being aware of something that we're not aware of. They see the invisible and they capture it, and that's what I would like to do while making movies," Stewart said.

But Stewart leans toward Reichardt's style.

In Celebration of his new life

†Felipe San Nicolas Camacho

Lovingly known as "Felipen Chandi"

In his new life, he now joins his:

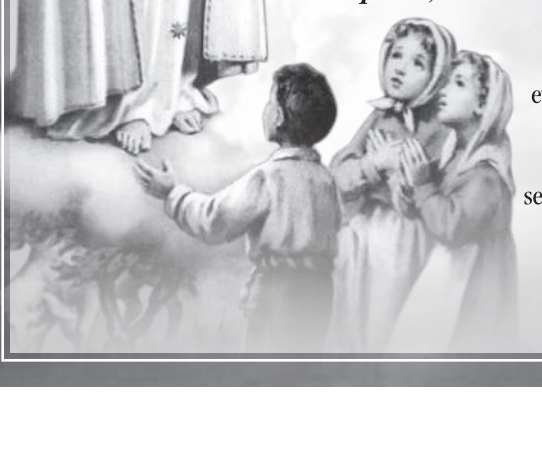
Wife: Theodora Taman Palacios Camacho
Tomiko Ngirarios Del
Parents: Juan Muna Camacho
Maria De Guzman San Nicolas Camacho
Parents In Law: Jose Fausto Palacios
Rita Taman Palacios
Children: Fred N. Camacho
Shirley Ngirarios
Jeffrey Ngirarios
Grandchildren: Jaryd Ray C. Quitugua
Mark Matoto
Great Grandchild: Maria Kiani H. Cepeda
Brothers, Sisters, and In-Laws:
Victoria SN. and Miguel Camacho
Rosa C. Borja
Juana C. and Felix Babauta
Francisco SN.and Margaret Camacho
Juan SN. Camacho
Torcuato Castro

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Su'
Children and spouses:
Margaret P. Camacho
Rita P. Camacho
Reina C. Quitugua
David and Lydia Camacho
Felipe and Tasha Camacho
Sandra and Akiwo Recheungel
Joann and Jimbo Matoto
Jin Yan Nian

Brother, Sisters and In-Laws:
Maxima SN. Camacho
Mariano SN. and Marina Camacho
Ana Castro
Maria C. and Don Choate
Eugenio Borja

He is additionally survived by numerous grandchildren, great grand children, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



Daily Mass of Intention for the repose of his soul are being celebrated each evening at San Roque Church, 6:00 p.m. followed by Holy Rosary.

The arrival of his remains and funeral services will be announced at a later date.

Thank you — Si Yu'us Ma'ase
Please join us in prayers,

The Family

After Trump remarks, Amber Tamblyn reveals own sex assault

AP

In this April 14, 2015, file photo, actress Amber Tamblyn participates in AOL's BUILD Speaker Series to discuss herbook of poetry "Dark Sparkler" at AOL Studios in New York.

Actress Amber Tamblyn says she was assaulted by a former boyfriend and felt compelled to speak out about it by Donald Trump's 2005 remarks bragging about groping and kissing women.

Tamblyn says on Instagram that her ex-boyfriend grabbed her by her hair and crotch and carried her out of a nightclub. She says the part of her body that Trump "described as something he'd like to grab a woman by, was bruised from my ex-boyfriend's violence for at least the next week."

Trump's GOP presidential campaign has been thrown into upheaval since the videotape of his remarks was made public Friday.

She says she's afraid her parents will see her post, but she "needed to tell a story."

Tamblyn was nominated for an Emmy for "Joan of Arcadia." ***(AP)***

Drake cancels remaining tour dates because of ankle injury

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Drake is canceling the rest of his summer tour because of an ongoing ankle injury.

A spokeswoman for the rapper-actor says doctors have advised him to nix the three remaining dates of his Summer Sixteen Tour "to allow him time to recuperate his ankle injury."

The newly canceled stops include Toronto on Oct. 9, Philadelphia on Oct. 13 and Newark, New Jersey, on Oct. 16.

The "Hotline Bling" singer previously postponed three concerts in New York and New Jersey because of the injury.

Drake announced earlier Monday that his 26-show The Boy Meets World Tour is set for January through March 2017 in Europe.

Ryan Lochte engaged to former Playboy model Kayla Rae Reid

Lochte

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ryan Lochte has gotten engaged to former Playboy model Kayla Rae Reid.

The pair shared Instagram pictures Sunday night of the 25-year-old Reid sporting a big diamond ring in front of a Malibu backdrop. Reid's photo included the note, "Speechless. Absolutely beautiful. So in love with YOU."

The 31-year-old Olympic swimmer and "Dancing with the Stars" contestant told USA Today for a story published last week that he was ready to ask Reid to marry him. He says they met in January at a nightclub and he realized she was "the one" after she stuck by him during his recent controversies.

Ashton Kutcher wishes he could be an actor minus the fame

Kutcher

NEW YORK (AP)—Ashton Kutcher wishes he had a rewind button. If he did, he would reset his career and stay under the radar.

"Sometimes as an actor I wish I could start my career over," Kutcher said in a recent interview with The Associated Press, "where people don't know anything about me and I'd never do an interview and I'd never do a talk show because I'd never want them to know anything about me."

Kutcher's theory is that the less people know about performers' lives, the more believable they are as characters.

"Most people probably wouldn't recognize Gary Oldman in his everyday life because they have no idea how he walks and how he talks. He's such a chameleon from role to role. I think if you can do this job and be successful at the level of success you want to attain and do it without any of the fame—that would be the ultimate gig."

Kutcher, 38, is married to his "That '70s Show" co-star Mila Kunis. (The sitcom aired from 1998-2006.) They have a daughter, Wyatt, and Kunis is expecting their second child, a boy, later this year.

On his new Netflix comedy, "The Ranch," Kutcher's character, Colt Bennett, has an understanding of celebrity on a small scale. Colt was a high school and college football star who dreamed of going pro. Instead, he returns to his family's ranch after it falls on hard times.

Danny Masterson, who was also on "That '70s Show," plays Kutcher's brother on "The Ranch." The second half of season one is streaming on Netflix.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell pregnant with 2nd child

LONDON (AP)—Former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell has announced she is expecting her second child. The 44-year-old Halliwell announced the news on Instagram Monday with a sketch of a pregnant woman and the words, "God bless Mother Nature." Her spokesman confirmed that she and husband Christian Horner are expecting a child. She married the Red Bull Formula One racing team boss last year.

Halliwell already has a 10-year-old daughter named Bluebell. She was known as Ginger Spice in the Spice Girls' heyday when they enjoyed a string of "girl power" pop hits in the 1990s.

'Divergent' star Shailene Woodley arrested during protest

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP)—Actress Shailene Woodley has been arrested during a protest of the four-state Dakota Access pipeline in southern North Dakota. Morton County Sheriff's Department spokesman Rob Keller says the "Divergent" star was arrested Monday for criminal trespass and engaging in a riot during a protest at a construction site that involved about 300 people. Both charges are misdemeanors that carry a maximum punishment of 30 days in jail and a $1,500 fine. Woodley's publicist did not immediately comment. Keller says 27 people were arrested during protests at two construction sites that prompted the shutdown of a state highway for several hours. No injuries were reported. The $3.8 billion pipeline is being built by Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners and will cross through North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois.

Unlike first, second debate doesn't set viewership record

NEW YORK (AP)—An estimated 66.5 million people watched the second debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, down from the record-setting audience who saw their first match but on par with the Obama-Romney contests four years ago. The first debate reached a total of 84 million viewers, more than for any other presidential debate on record, the Nielsen company said on Monday. The previous record of 80.6 million had been set for the only debate between Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan in 1980. In 2012, an estimated 65.6 million people watched the second debate between President Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney, after 67.2 million saw their first debate.

Doctor's wife serves penance after being caught in affair

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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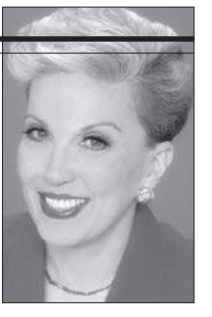

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DEAR ABBY: Four years ago, after three years of marriage, I had a brief affair and was caught by my husband, who is a doctor. We had little girls, so he decided not to divorce me, but I had to cut my long hair short in a man's style and stop wearing makeup or jewelry except for my wedding ring. He donated all my designer clothes, and bought me men's clothes. I have begged him to let me wear women's clothes again and allow me to wear even a short woman's hairstyle, but he refuses.

Our two daughters are old enough now to notice, and they are a little embarrassed by how Mommy dresses. I no longer have any desire for an affair, but simply want to look attractive. I was a beauty queen in college, but now even my female friends think dressing like this is my idea. Sometimes I feel so embarrassed in public that I want to hide. What do you suggest I try to get him to let me wear my hair long and women's clothes again?

WANTS TO BE ME AGAIN

DEAR WANTS TO BE YOU: I hope you are aware that what your husband has been doing is considered emotional abuse. What you did was wrong, but you should not have to spend the rest of your life looking like a man if you don't want to.

To say that your husband is controlling would be an understatement. Because you need more help than anyone can give you in a letter, I'm urging you to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline. The website is thehotline.org; the toll-free phone number is 800-799-7233. Please don't put this off.

DEAR ABBY: I am 64 and still a virgin. I now feel I haven't done all the things I wanted to do with my life, and I realize I won't live forever. When I see young kids having fun, I regret wasting my younger years.

The biggest issue I have is with being a virgin. I have always believed in true love, but I still haven't met anyone. I have been going to bars and have multiple accounts on dating websites, but no men close to my age have been interested.

A young man who is 39 has asked to meet up. Should I go on a date with him and see what happens? I know it's wrong, but I think maybe with a younger guy I could do all the things I wanted to do. What should I do? Please help.

PRUDENCE THE VIRGIN

DEAR PRUDENCE: Think carefully about what it is you really want. If you go on that date, the chances are that you will succeed in losing your virginity. But don't count on anything more than that happening.

I'm unclear about what you mean by "doing all the things you wanted to do," but true love takes time and commitment to develop, and rushing to catch up on all the things you think you have missed is no guarantee you will find it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm new in the business world and I have a question. At networking events, how do I politely excuse myself from a conversation when I encounter a "Stage 1" clinger?

TRAPPED AGAIN IN TORONTO

DEAR TRAPPED AGAIN: Because at networking events it's important to make as many contacts as possible, you should say, "It's been nice meeting you, but please excuse me because I have to circulate, and so should you."

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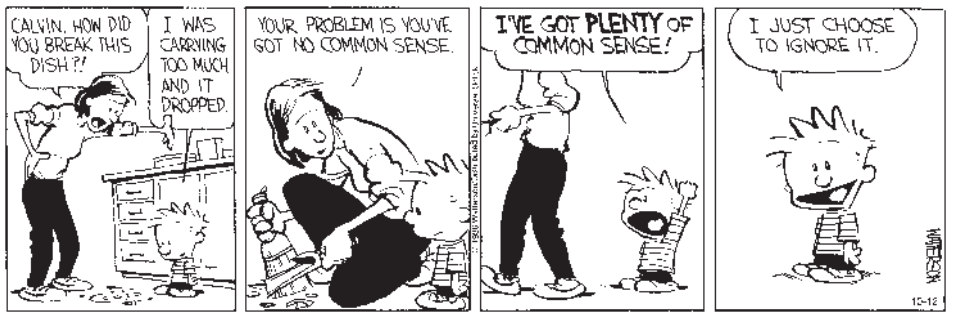
Pastimes

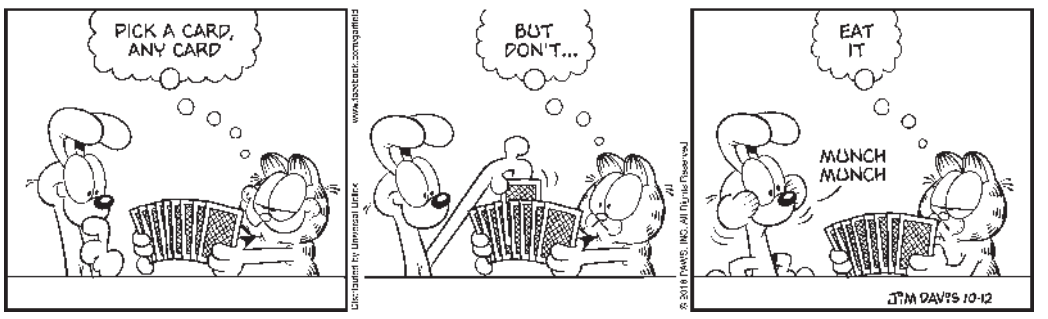
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


CALVIN, HOW DID YOU BREAK THIS DISH?!
I WAS CARRYING TOO MUCH AND IT DROPPED.
YOUR PROBLEM IS YOU'VE GOT NO COMMON SENSE.
I'VE GOT PLENTY OF COMMON SENSE!
I JUST CHOOSE TO IGNORE IT.

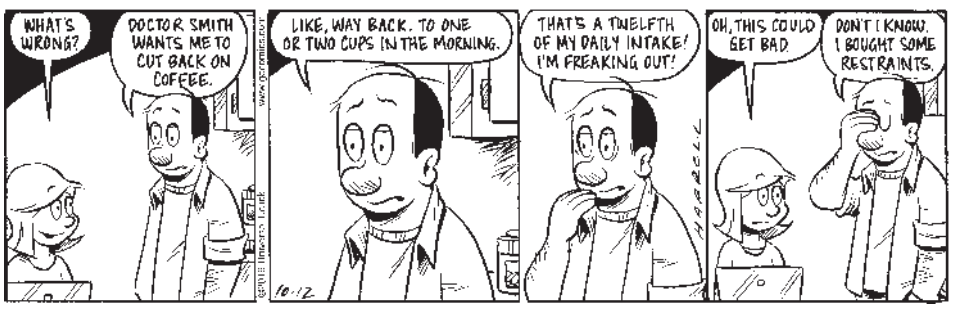
Garfield®

By Jim Davis



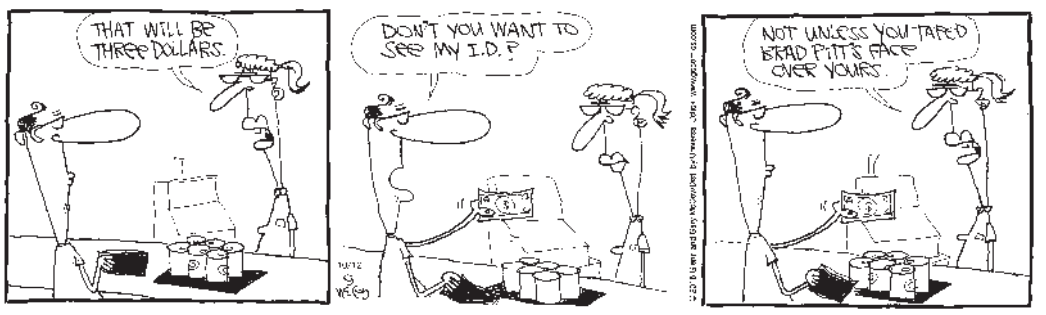
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


WHAT'S WRONG?
DOCTOR SMITH WANTS ME TO CUT BACK ON COFFEE.
LIKE, WAY BACK. TO ONE OR TWO CUPS IN THE MORNING.
THAT'S A TWELFTH OF MY DAILY INTAKE! I'M FREAKING OUT!
OH, THIS COULD GET BAD
DON'T I KNOW. I BOUGHT SOME RESTRAINTS.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Last letter in London
4 Danson of "Cheers"
7 Move, in Realtor-speak
8 Sub detector
10 Bas-relief medium
11 "Yay!"
13 Person's innate sense of time
16 Plaything
17 Swamp
18 Commonest English word
19 Not so hot?
20 "It's — real!"
21 Non-clergy
23 Bake eggs
25 Sharpen
26 Bridge
27 Cranberry territory
28 Frequently
30 Cold and damp
33 Count Basie classic
36 Actor Christian
37 Ancient Greek region
38 Porterhouse, e.g.
39 Seth's son
40 Map lines (Abbr.)
41 Do wrong

DOWN

1 Piquant
2 Otherwise
3 "Welcome" site
4 Workshop array
5 Tenny-son's "— Arden"
6 Willy Wonka's creator
7 Gambling city
8 Honey bunch?
9 Vocal fan
10 "Shoo," in Westerns
12 Earth tone
14 Not even one
15 Understanding
19 Golfer Michelle
20 Crib
21 Lake birds
22 Well-behaved kids
23 Detail, briefly
24 Tear-jerker needs
25 "Game of Thrones" airer
26 Baby bird?
28 Square dance group
29 Beagle's pests
30 Talk nonstop
31 Writer Kingsley
32 New Deal org.
34 Feedbag filler
35 "Help Me" singer Mitchell

Solution time: 24 mins.

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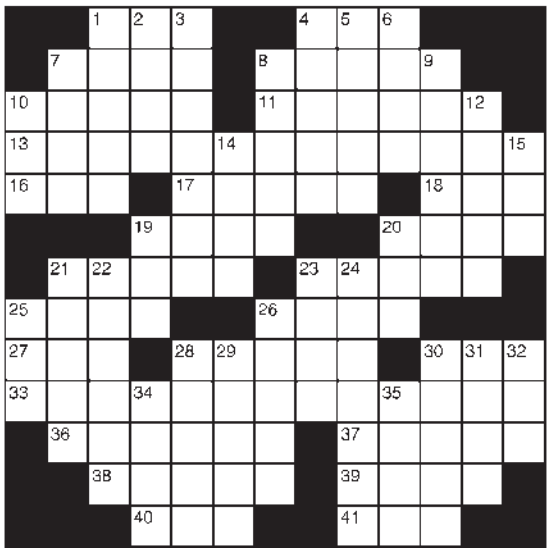
Yesterday's answer 10-12



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Josh Hutcherson, 24; Bode Miller, 39; Kirk Cameron, 46; Hugh Jackman, 48.

Happy Birthday: Express your feelings and prepare to make changes this year. Socializing with people who share your sentiments and are trying to achieve similar goals will help to keep you on the right course. Refuse to let disgruntled individuals stand in your way. Make choices based on the results you want to get, not what others think or say. Your numbers are 8, 19, 22, 28, 31, 39, 44.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Go over contracts and financial documents carefully. Look for any mistakes or potential problems you come across and address them openly. Don't leave it up to others to make decisions for you. Show strength as well as diplomacy. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Make your relationships with others a priority. Getting along with the people around you will influence how successful you will be in life and in business. Let your imagination and passion take you on a new adventure. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Someone will take advantage of you by using emotional manipulation. Focus on personal changes and presenting what you have to offer. Refuse to let anyone limit your chances to advance. Make changes instead of having them forced on you. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): It won't be easy to get along with everyone. Gravitate toward the people who share your sentiments and you will find a way to accomplish something unique and satisfying. Romance will improve your personal life. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Charm and diplomacy will be required if you want to get ahead as well as keep the peace at home. Use incentives to bring others around to your way of thinking. Using force will leave you in a precarious position. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't worry about what others are doing or the changes going on around you. Accept the inevitable and continue down the path that works best for you. Your ability to get things done on time will be impressive. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): A change to the way you treat people will give you the leverage you need. Offer incentives and you will get a lot in return. Diplomacy and discipline will help you bypass any troubles that may surface. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): The changes you implement at home will make a difference to the way you move forward in the future. Learn from past experiences, and you will stabilize your situation. Love and romance are highlighted. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Move forward with caution. Emotions will easily flare up, causing trouble with someone who wants to put the blame on you. Make positive changes to the way you take care of responsibilities and keep moving forward. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Accept the inevitable and find a way to make it work. Stay in touch with the people you trust and can count on for inside information. Rely on past experiences and be creative in the way you approach new people and proposals. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Look outside your immediate surroundings and you will find unique solutions to a problem that is plaguing you. Formulate your plans with precision and don't indicate what you intend to do until the time is right. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Let your emotions lead the way. Express your feelings to someone you love and it will change your life emotionally, physically and financially. Love is in the stars and romance will improve your life. ✪✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/12

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

8	2	3	7	1	6	4	5	9
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4	3	1	9	6	7	2	8	5
6	5	7	8	4	2	9	3	1
2	9	8	5	3	1	7	4	6

Difficulty Level ★★

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

ESSENTIAL OILS **Solution: 10 letters**

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Qualifications
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- High school diploma or GED required
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- Excellent customer service skills required
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Century Hotel is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following vacant positions:

(2) GENERAL MAINTENANCE
Two (2) years experience as a general maintenance worker is required, must be able to work independently, must be able to move, carry and lift up to 50 pounds, must be a team player and has good interpersonal skills, able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

(1) HOUSEKEEPING CLEANER
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 1 year cleaning experience in a large building complex is preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, holidays and back-to-back when necessary.

(1) BARTENDER
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent with minimum (1) year work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including evenings and/or weekends.

Application may be picked up and submitted to Fiesta Resort's security office located in the South Wing. A drug test must be passed as a condition of employment.
Closing date: October 13, 2016

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Suwaso Corporation would like to invite all qualified US workers to send/submit their resume/application form to Recruit.COGR@eland.co.kr. Please provide at least two recommendation letter and proof of certification for the position, if needed. Application form is available in the hotel lobby and HR office. Incomplete application form may not be considered for assessment. Please fill up the form completely prior submission. No phone call please.

Kanoa Resort
Saipan

Invites qualified US workers to apply for this vacant position:

A/C Refrigeration Mechanic/Technician (1)
Qualifications: Require post-secondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges that offer programs in air-conditioning and refrigeration and/or associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or three (3) years of experience as an A/C refrigeration technician. Must be able to read electrical wiring and control diagrams. Must be able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Cook (12)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with three (3) years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Excellent stamina, ability to stand for long periods and can lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Steward (10)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Over 6 months progressive experience in stewarding capacities. Able to perform assigned duties with great attention to detail, pace, correctness and good manners. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Ability to prioritize and arrange work assignment is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Housekeeper (7)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. One (1) year work experience preferably in a hotel preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

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Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our resort. To be considered, applicants must be submitted not later than October 17, 2016. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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(4) Laundry Attendant
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 1 year experience as a laundry attendant is required, preferably in a high volume hotel or establishment such as a hospital but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, and holidays.

(1) Pastry Chef
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(1) A/C Refrigeration Technician
Qualification: ER preference, 3 years previous experience as A/C refrigeration technician is required. Must be able to read electrical wiring diagrams and control diagrams. Must be able to trouble shoot A/C and refrigeration equipment. Electrical experience is a must. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays.

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Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 3 years experience as a diesel mechanic is required. Must have an in-depth knowledge of diesel engineer and electrical systems. Attention to detail is essential. Must be able to use and understand an array of tools and technical equipment. Able to diagnose, adjust, repair or overhaul buses and trucks, or maintain and repair any type of diesel engines. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

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Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 3 years masonry or bricklaying experience OR any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge skills and abilities have been achieved. Must have knowledge of related tools, masonry techniques, equipment and materials and skills in the construction, alteration, repair and maintenance of masonry structures and surfaces. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

(1) Electrician
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 3 years progressive work experience in industrial, commercial and residential building electrical works. Must know how to understand electrical plan. Able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

(12) Steward
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. Over 6 months progressive experience in stewarding capacities. Able to perform assigned duties with great attention to detail, pace, correctness and good manners. Ability to prioritize and arrange work assignment is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights, early morning hours and holidays.

(1) Upholsterer
Qualification: 2 years experience as an upholsterer with above average knowledge in upholstery making, designing and conceptualizing, knowledge on stitching by hand or with the use of big sewing machines, repairing or redesign wrecked upholsters, must recognize different methods of upholstery making both in household and automobile, be able to communicate with the customers well and easy to understand what they want, must be meticulous with his/her work must be goal oriented and can meet deadlines.

(1) ACCOUNTANT
Four (4) years experience in accounting, preferably from a high volume hotel, AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is required. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets, knowledgeable with accounting software preferred. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work a flexible schedule including week-ends and holidays when required.

(30) COOKS
High school diploma/GED required, one (1) year experience as a cook in, international cuisine is required and preferably from a full service hotel or high volume restaurant, able to read and follow standardized recipes, strong knowledge of proper food handling procedures, must have problem solving skills, be self-motivated and organized, must be able to work under pressure and adaptable to last minute work preparation, able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays, able to work as part of a team in a busy kitchen atmosphere, must go through a pre-employment drug test.

(5) GENERAL MAINTENANCE
High school diploma/GED required. Two (2) years experience as a general maintenance worker is required, must be able to work independently, must be able to move, carry and lift up to 50 pounds, must be a team player and has good interpersonal skills, able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

(1) CARPENTER
High school diploma/GED required. One (1) year carpentry experience or any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills and abilities have been achieved. Incumbent in this classification is exposed to restricted movement, extreme temperature and intense noise inherent to carpentry position. Must be able to lift and carry objects up to 45 pounds. Must be able to work flexible schedule including week-ends and holidays.

(1) SUPERVISOR, CARPENTER
High school diploma/GED required. Two (2) years work experience in Carpentry, in a supervisory level is required, from a high volume hotel or building complex industry preferred, must be able to lift and carry objects up to 45 pounds, must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

(1) DEMI CHEF
High school diploma/GED required. Two (2) years work experience as a Demi Chef in a high volume restaurant or hotel is required. Must be able to work under extreme pressure, stand on feet for long periods of time and work in a heated environment, able to work nights, early morning hours, weekends and holidays.

(1) SUPERVISOR, PAINTER
High school diploma/GED required. Two (2) years work experience as Painter Supervisor is required. Skilled in applying paints and other finishes with spray machines and in the use of all tools of the painting trade, proficient in estimating materials and labor requirements. Working conditions are considered acceptable, but involve exposure to outside weather, standing on ladders and scaffolds. Alertness and careful attention is required to avoid injury to self and to others

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Advanced experience in the configuration, installation repair and troubleshooting of computer hardware, network switches, network line connection, routers, phone lines, phone units and other computer peripherals. Advanced experience in networking phone system and security camera. Advanced experience with desktop operating systems and MS applications. Advanced experience with skills in problem identification and problem resolution techniques. Ability to prioritize tasks with long term projects and work in a fast paced environment with minimum supervision, knowledge in web application, must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends holidays and overtime if necessary. Working conditions involve lifting and transporting moderately heavy objects such as computers and peripherals.

Applications may be obtained at Fiesta Resort's security office located at the south wing, ground floor. Dead-line for submission of application is October 13, 2016 to be considered. A drug test will be required as a pre-requisite to employment.

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Indians top Ortiz, Red Sox 4-3, complete sweep, reach ALCS

BOSTON (AP)—The ball settled into the right fielder's glove, the Cleveland Indians poured onto the diamond and the Fenway fans fell silent.

Then, slowly from the crowd rose a chant of "Pa-pi!"

Cleveland swept the Red Sox out of the postseason and sent David Ortiz into retirement on Monday night with a 4-3 victory that completed a three-game AL Division Series sweep. But even as the Indians frolicked on the field in their celebratory hats and T-shirts, Boston fans weren't ready to let their beloved Big Papi go.

"I'm glad he didn't get a hit to beat us," manager Terry Francona said after leading the Indians to just the second postseason sweep in franchise history. "I thought it was an honor to be on the field, competing against him in his last game, because he's truly one of the best. You could tell the way people were hanging around yelling his name and everything. He deserves every bit of that."

Coco Crisp hit a two-run homer, closer Cody Allen got four outs and the Indians advanced the AL Championship Series for the first time since 2007. That year, they took a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series against Boston before losing three in a row.

Cleveland also blew a 2-0 lead against Boston in the best-of-five round in 1999.

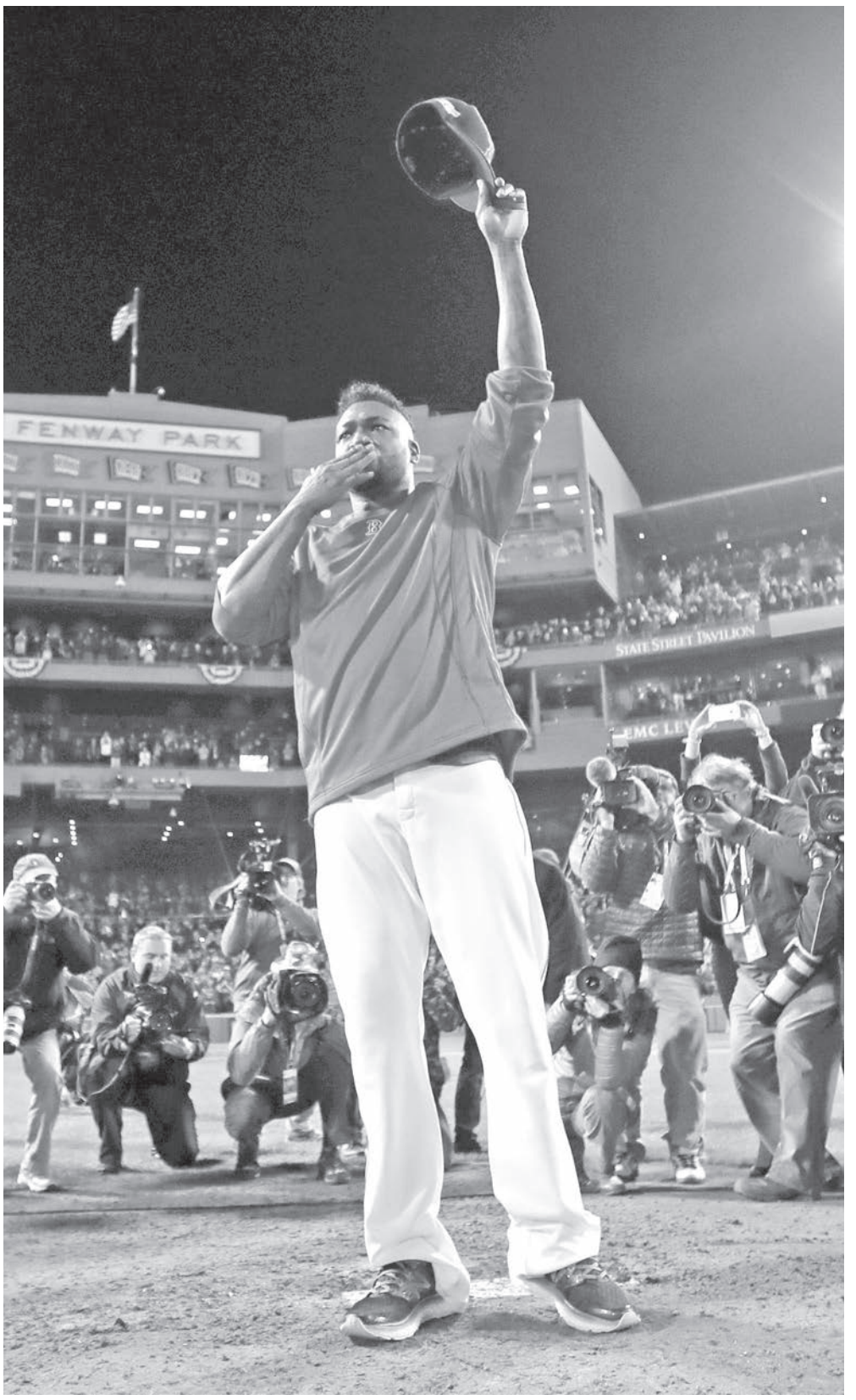
But this year there would be no fold.

Perhaps inspired by the Cavaliers' NBA title—the city's first pro sports championship since 1964—the Indians shut down Ortiz and the most prolific offense in the league. Rookie Tyler Naquin delivered a two-run single and Josh Tomlin pitched five strong innings for the Indians, who will open the ALCS at home against Toronto on Friday.

Cleveland went 4-3 this year against the wild-card Blue Jays, who swept AL West champion Texas to reach the ALCS for the second straight year.

"Nobody in this clubhouse doubts what we're what capable of," reliever Andrew Miller said as music blared and corks popped in the visitors' clubhouse. "I think we saw in our games in Cleveland how much support we have. It's a special place to be. I think we have bigger things ahead of us, but it's not going to be any easier."

To advance, the Indians had to shut down the most prolific offense in the major leagues and weather the emotional farewell to Ortiz. The Red Sox designated hitter went 1 for 9 in the series, collecting a sacrifice fly in Game 3 before walking on four pitches in his final plate appearance.



AP
Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz blows a kiss from the mound at Fenway Park after Game 3 of baseball's American League Division Series against the Cleveland Indians, Monday, Oct. 10, 2016, in Boston.

Ortiz was lifted for a pinch runner in the eighth and left to a standing ovation.

But that wasn't enough for the crowd of 39,530—the largest at Fenway since at least World War II. Chanting "We're not leaving!" and "Thank you, Pa-pi!" for more than 10 minutes while the Indians celebrated their victory, the crowd finally drew the beloved slugger back onto the field.

Wearing a red warmup and a scowl on his face, Ortiz lumbered out to the mound and tipped his cap in all directions, tapping his heart. Only when the camera zoomed in on him did it become apparent that the frown was not regret over an early postseason exit: Big Papi was crying.

"Tonight when I walked to the mound, I realized that it was over. It was pretty much probably the last time as a player to walk in front of a crowd," Ortiz told reporters afterward. "And the emotion came back out again."

After two minutes, Ortiz retired to the dugout and retired for good, ending to a career that brought three World Series titles to Boston and transformed the once-futile franchise into winners.

"I'm happy, not just for me, not just how my career went down, but for the organization, the step that we took, from going from last place to win the division this year," he told reporters. "Even if things didn't end up the way we were looking for ... it's like going from bad to good, from day to night."

Making it their goal to send their beloved Big Papi out as a winner, the Red Sox managed to win the AL East—the second time in four seasons they went from worst to first.

Boston raised fans' hopes with an 11-game winning streak in September but then lost eight of its last nine games, including the playoffs. After winning the first two games in the best-of-five AL Division Series, and then waiting an extra day because of Sunday's rainout, the Indians it took a 2-0 lead off Clay Buchholz in the fourth inning on Naquin's single.

Tomlin gave up Andrew Benintendi's Green Monster-scraping RBI double in the fifth, which gave some life to the Fenway crowd.

But with one run in, one out, one on and the fans taunting the Indians starter—"Tomlin! Tom-lin!"—he struck out Sandy Leon on a pitch in the dirt and then Jackie Bradley Jr. grounded out to first. In the sixth, Crisp hit a two-run homer over the left-field wall to make it 4-1.

Buchholz allowed two runs and six hits in four innings, joining David Price and Rick Porcello as postseason losers.

Tomlin allowed two runs on four in five-plus innings. Miller pitched two innings, Bryan Shaw got two outs and Allen came on to face Ortiz with two out and a man on first in the eighth.

After walking on four pitches, Ortiz stood on first and waved his arms at the mostly dormant crowd. The fans rose to cheer for him and stayed there as Hanley Ramirez singled to make it 4-3.

Now representing the tying run at second, Ortiz was lifted for pinch-runner Marco Hernandez, leaving the field to a raucous cheer. But even after coming out of the game, his work wasn't done: With one foot on the top step of the dugout, he continued to cheer the team on.

Xander Bogaerts hit a hard line drive to second and Ortiz jumped onto the dirt, only to turn around and walk dejectedly back into the dugout when it was caught for the last out.

In the ninth, Jackie Bradley Jr. singled with two out and Dustin Pedroia drew a walk on a 3-2 pitch. Travis Shaw worked the count full before popping up to end it.

"I was cheering so bad," Ortiz said. "Once I got out of the game I was screaming at my team to put me back in it. Make me wear this uniform one more day. Because I wasn't ready to be over with the playoff."

Dodgers 6, Cubs 5

In San Francisco, they piled on Joe Panik at home plate in celebration, and just as has been the case so many times before with everything on the line in October, San Francisco's season was extended another day.

Panik doubled off the wall in right-center field to drive in Brandon Crawford with the winning run in the 13th inning, and the Giants staved off elimination by outlasting the Chicago Cubs 6-5 on Monday night in Game 3 of their NL Division Series.

San Francisco won its 10th straight game when facing postseason elimination.

"There's a sense of calmness," Panik said. "It's like we've been there before."

Panik came through on the 57th pitch from Mike Montgomery, who was working his fifth inning of relief.

The wild-card Giants forced Tuesday night's Game 4 back at their raucous, sold-out ballpark, postponing a potential Cubs clinch party. Chicago leads the best-of-five playoff 2-1 and will send John Lackey to the mound opposite lefty Matt Moore.

"We played it hard, we played it right - and they beat us," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said.

Panik's big hit ended a 5-hour, 4-minute game that was only 29 minutes shy of the total time taken to play the first two series games combined last week at Wrigley Field.

Rookie left-hander Ty Blach was the winner, escaping a 13th-inning jam when pinch-hitter David Ross bounced into a double play.

Nationals 8, Dodgers 3

In Los Angeles, Jayson Werth always wanted to hit a home run out of Dodger Stadium when he played two seasons in the venerable ballpark. His latest attempt came close with a 450-foot blast into the upper reaches of the left-field pavilion.

Werth's homer helped break open a one-run game in the ninth inning, moving the Washington Nationals within one victory of taking a postseason series for the first time with an 8-3 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Monday and a 2-1 lead in their best-of-five NL playoff.

Heck, he even tied Babe Ruth with his 15th career postseason homer, good for 11th all-time.

"Ever since Dusty (Baker) moved me into the two-hole, I just felt like my job is to get on base for the animals behind me," said Werth, whose three hits tied a postseason career high.

Four relievers combined for 4 2/3 shutout innings, putting the Nationals in position to wrap up the NL Division Series on Tuesday at Dodger Stadium.

"They work quick and they're not afraid to go after anybody," said third baseman Anthony Rendon, who hit a two-run homer in a four-run third that chased Kenta Maeda.

Werth added, "It gives us confidence. I feel like the bullpen is going to hold up and that might not have been the case or the feeling in years past."

NL East champions for the third time in five years, the Nats were unable to advance during their two previous trips to the postseason. They lost in the Division Series to St. Louis in 2012 and San Francisco in 2014.

"I'm hoping this is our year," Werth said. "We're battle-tested, we're playoff-tested, and we've got a good group of guys. We've been playing together a long time now, so I feel like this is our opportunity."

Now 37 and with his 2008 World Series championship in Philadelphia long behind him, Werth senses time encroaching on him.

Bucs beat Panthers 17-14 on last-second field goal by Aguayo

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Roberto Aguayo's shaky rookie season got a big lift Monday night.

The rookie made up for missing two earlier field goals by converting a 38-yard field goal as time expired to lift the Tampa Bay Buccaneers over the Carolina Panthers 17-14 on Monday night.

Aguayo, the most accurate kicker in NCAA history, had clanked a 33-yard field goal attempt off the right upright and missed wide left from 46 yards that would have given the Bucs the lead with 3:38 left in the game. He was just 3 of 7 on the season before the winning kick.

"Obviously you get a little angry when you miss them," Agauyo said. "You can't dwell on it or you won be ready for the next one."

When asked how comfortable he was with the field position on the final kick, Bucs coach Dirk Koetter replied, "I wasn't comfortable. We couldn't get close enough."

Jameis Winston was 18 of 30 for 219 yards and threw a TD pass to Mike Evans . He also led a 66-yard drive to get the Buccaneers (2-3) into field goal range. A costly 15-yard facemask penalty on Kony Ealy hurt the Panthers along the way.

Jacquizz Rodgers ran for 101 yards on 30 carries in place of the injured Doug Martin.

The Panthers turned the ball over four times, three of those by Derek Anderson, who was filling in for the concussed Cam Newton.

"We moved the ball when we wanted to and had a lot of good things happen, but we had bad plays at the wrong times," Anderson said.

The most costly turnover came late in the fourth quarter with the game tied at 14 and the Panthers having a first-and-goal at the Tampa Bay 2. Anderson inexplicably threw into double coverage in the right corner of the end zone and was intercepted by Brent Grimes.

"If I had it back I would have thrown it away," Anderson said. "That was a difference maker."

The Panthers ruined a memorable night from Greg Olsen, who had a career-high 181 yards receiving on nine catches. Cameron Artis-Payne ran for two touchdowns for the Panthers.

Carolina is now 1-4 after reaching the Super Bowl last season.

The Panthers, who have won three straight NFC South titles, are now three full games behind the Atlanta Falcons.

"We've got a laundry list of things that didn't go our way," Olsen said. "The reality is, in this league, you make your own luck. You make your own fate. You can't sit around and hope the ball bounced your way. Right now, it's not, but that's just the nature of this league. It goes in flows. There's times where it seems like everything you do is right, the ball bounces your way, but that's not the case right now for us. We've got to make our own luck, because nobody's feeling sorry for us. That's just the reality right now."

TURNOVER PRONE: The Panthers turned the ball over just 19 times last season en route to the Super Bowl. This year they already have 14 turnovers in the first five games.

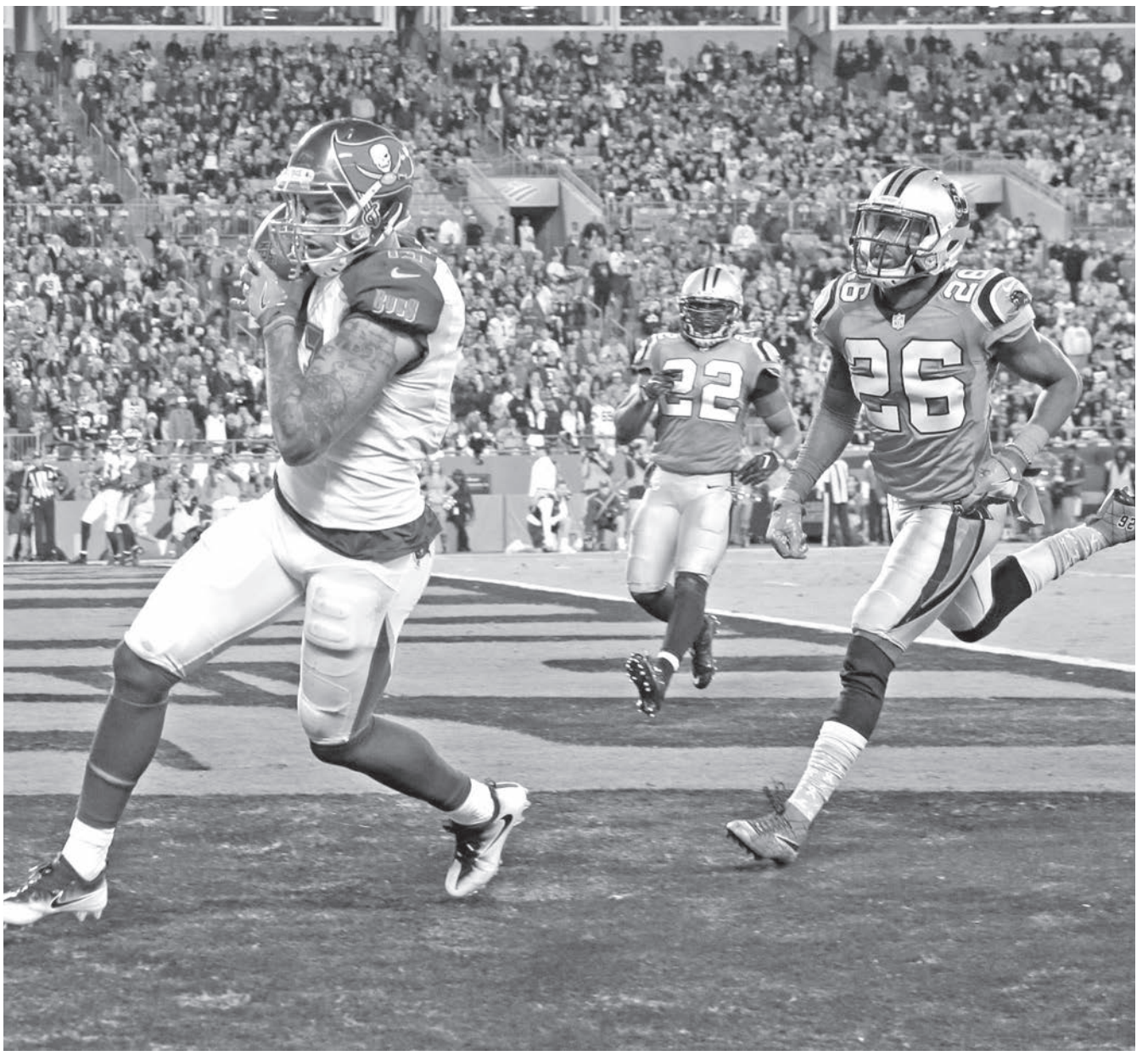
RIVERBOAT RON: With his team trailing 6-0, Panthers coach Ron Rivera lived up to his "Riverboat Ron" moniker when he went for it on fourth-and-goal from the Bucs 1-yard line. Artis-Payne dove into the end zone to give Carolina its first lead of the game.

BUCS UP FRONT: The Bucs were without starters—Gerald McCoy (calf) and Clinton McDonald (hamstring) and defensive end Robert Ayers (ankle)—out with injuries.

NO LEAGUE MVP: Newton was not on the sideline after sustaining a concussion last week against the Falcons. The Panthers visit the Saints next week before getting a bye. It's unclear if the reigning league MVP will be ready to go.

OLSEN MOVES UP: Olsen moved past Hall of Famer Kellen Winslow for eight all-time in yards receiving among NFL tight ends.

BY THE NUMBERS: The Bucs ran 20 plays to Carolina's three in the first quarter. Anderson didn't attempt a pass in the opening quarter as the Bucs controlled the ball for more than 13 minutes.



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Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Mike Evans (13) catches a touchdown pass against Carolina Panthers' Daryl Worley (26) in the second half of an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C., Monday, Oct. 10, 2016.

Broncos' Kubiak to take a week off after migraine diagnosis

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—Joe DeCamillis stepped up to the podium Monday after GM John Elway named him interim head coach and was instantly met with a welcome-to-the-show question:

"Who's your quarterback?"

The Denver Broncos' 51-year-old special teams coordinator dodged the inquiry, declining to say whether Trevor Siemian or Paxton Lynch would be under center when the Broncos (4-1) visit the Chargers (1-4) on Thursday night.

"We've got a lot of guys we're evaluating this week," he said. "How's that?"

Elway tabbed DeCamillis after doctors ordered head coach Gary Kubiak to take a week off after experiencing a "complex migraine condition" Sunday night shortly after Denver suffered its first loss of the season.

The Broncos saw their nine-game winning streak snapped 23-16 by the Atlanta Falcons, who sacked Lynch six times with Siemian sidelined by a bruised left shoulder.

Kubiak, 55, was transported from the stadium to the hospital by an ambulance—the second time that's happened in three years—after experiencing flu-like symptoms. He was kept overnight and doctors determined he had what the team termed a "complex migraine condition."

Kubiak was sent home from the hospital Monday afternoon and issued a statement saying he was feeling much better, thanking his team's medical staff and expressing his confident in DeCamillis. He added: "I'll be home this week resting and getting healthy and I look forward to rejoining our team on Monday."

Elway said Kubiak will meet with medical personnel to decipher whether there's any triggers that brought on his illness. "We're just excited that Gary is OK and that the prognosis looks great," Elway said.

All but a handful of players had left the locker room Sunday night and only learned of Kubiak's illness via news reports.

"You never want to hear about anybody going to any hospital with any sickness, but we're just glad he's going to be OK and we're just going to handle business until he gets back," cornerback Chris Harris Jr. said.

Running back C.J. Anderson said he knows Kubiak appreciates the players' prayers, but "if you know Kube, you know he's more concerned about how we're going to play Thursday night. Let's not make the stress even worse, right?"

Elway said Kubiak's spirits were high.

"He was very tired, but he got a great night's sleep last night, probably as good of a night's sleep as he's had in a long time," Elway said.

Kubiak's predecessor, John Fox, had a heart operation in the middle of the 2014 season and conferred with his staff throughout his absence.

Elway said he wasn't sure if Kubiak will be involved in a similar fashion: "We're really kind of leaving that up to the doctors. The process for Gary is to worry about Gary this week."

Elway said Kubiak told him before kickoff that he wasn't feeling well and Elway checked in on him before heading home. Head athletic trainer Steve Antonopulos later called Elway back to tell him Kubiak was headed to the hospital.

"I will say this: it was scary going in," Elway said, "but (I was) very excited coming out as far as the prognosis for Gary and his health as well as his coaching career.

"Obviously any time you have an episode like Gary had in 2013, what happened last night is a big concern. But we left the hospital and his family was very relieved. We feel very good about it."

Kubiak had a health scare in 2013 when he was coach of the Houston Texans, suffering a "mini-stroke" and collapsing in a scary scene at halftime of a game against Indianapolis. He returned to the coaching box 10 days later and eventually to the sideline, but he was fired about a month after the episode.

After a year as Baltimore's offensive coordinator in 2014, Kubiak took over in Denver and said he'd learned to delegate better to preserve his health. He had no issues while leading the Broncos to the Super Bowl title last season.

DeCamillis said his response when Elway picked him to run the team this week was: "Yes, sir."

"It really wasn't an 'ask,'" DeCamillis said. "You want to do what you can to help the team win. That's how I look at it."

DeCamillis figures he'll be too busy this week to seek tips from his father-in-law, former Broncos coach Dan Reeves, although, "He's been a great sounding board for all the years and I'm sure he'll have some nuggets" of unsolicited advice.

Pacific Games Council officials visit Vanuatu again

Pacific Games Council president Vidhya Lakhan and CEO Andrew Minogue visited Port Vila last week to attend the inaugural meetings of the Vanuatu 2017 Pacific Mini Games Authority and the VAN2017 Games Organizing Committee Board.

A tour of the Korman Stadium site, under construction with the support of the Chinese government, was also conducted.

The meetings follow on from Lakhan's last visit to Port Vila in May where the PGC General Assembly was conducted. At that time, the Prime Minister of Vanuatu, the Hon. Charlot Salwai, publicly at the General Assembly and privately to Lakhan, reaffirmed the Vanuatu government's commitment to hosting the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

Since May, it is evident that good progress has been made. The parliament passed a supplementary budget in June, which provides for the operational expenses of VAN2017 through the end of this year.

Work at the Korman Stadium site continues to show progress and the PGC has been assured that the venue will be completed by October 2017—two months prior to the Games.

VAN2017, through chair Mark Stafford and VASANOC, recently hired a very experienced CEO, Clint Flood, to replace the late Joe Carlo. Flood has extensive experience in previous Pacific Games, including the outstandingly successful Port Moresby 2015 Pacific Games, where he served as executive manager for Games Operations. As a result of his recent appointment, detailed planning for the Games has accelerated.

Significant challenges, however, remain.

Despite the appropriation of the VAN2017 budget by the parliament in June, funds have not been transferred to VAN2017 on a regular and timely basis, which is placing at grave risk the ability of VAN2017 to successfully organize the Games.

The Vanuatu 2017 Pacific Mini Games Authority, chaired by the Minister for Youth Development and Sport Norris Jack Kalmet, unanimously agreed to present proposals to the Council of Ministers. This will fast-track the processing of funds so that this problem can be rectified urgently and in accordance with the host contract obligations entered into by the Vanuatu government, PGC and VASANOC in September 2011 and in accordance the variation agreement signed on Dec. 2, 2015, which sets the overall budget for the Games.

The host contract mandates that VAN2017 must be able to operate as an independent and autonomous entity, financially underwritten and supported by the Vanuatu government.

"I wish to personally thank the Minister for Youth Development and Sport, the Hon. Norris Jack Kalmet, and Mark Stafford for convening the inaugural meetings of the Vanuatu 2017 Pacific Mini Games Authority and the VAN2017 Games Organising Committee. I urge the Minister to capitalize on the success of these meetings and ensure, through the Council of Ministers, that the appropriated budget for VAN2017 is made available with absolute urgency otherwise the ability for Vanuatu to successfully organise the 2017 Pacific Mini Games will continue to be placed at significant risk," Lakhan said. ***(PR)***

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May Wang (29:57), Keziah Zhang (36:50), and Suo Yang (37:03).

In the girls U15, SIS occupied the Top 2 spots anew with Anika Snyder recording 15:21 and Tania Tan posting 16:28. The two Geckos won over seven Agape runners and one from Marianas High School. Agape's Annie Wang joined the Snyder and Tan on the podium as the former rounded out the course twice in 22:06.

Other finishers were Wang's teammates Ires Zhang (27:48), Angel Wang (27:49), Sunny Lin (30:54), Wendy Tang (30:05), Keziah Garcia (30:07) and Annie Rao (36:51), and MHS' Halle Kenty (27:51).

In the girls U18 age group, which covered three laps of the course, SIS' Isabel Dickinson lorded it over against 12 Agape runners. Dickinson finished her race in 24:08, more than four minutes ahead of runner-up Ella Zhang (28:44). Daisy Yang was third runner in the division to complete the course in under 30 minutes after tallying 29:36.

Evon Zhang (34:13) placed fourth and was followed by Leahne Yang (34:51), Suzanne Su (35:54), Andrea Feng (35:56), Emily Li (37:22), Annie Xing (37:23), Lou Enge (44:34), Chen Zhi En (44:40), Lyu Zie (46:37), and Amelia Yu Min (46:39).

Meanwhile, in the boys division, Agape topped two age groups, while Mt. Carmel School won one.

The Torchbearers' Caleb Wang nosed out teammate Alan Zhao in the photo finish in the U18 age group, as the former clocked in at 20:45, just a second ahead of the latter.

Seventeen other finishers in the division were from Agape, while SIS had one in LeHyuk Jang, who cut the tape at the 30:40 mark to make it to the Top 10. Joining Jang, Wang, and Zhao in the Top 10 were Henry Hu (22:31), Eric Luo (22:57), Zehua Chen (26:54), Dempster Huang (27:03), Leo Li Yishen (27:09), Sean Zhao (28:24), and Kim Xing (29:15).

In the boys U15, Agape's Haoyu Chen made it to the finish line at the 13:16 to beat SIS' Clayton Izuka and teammate Lue Xiong, who timed in at 13:55 and 14:25, respectively.

The rest of the finishers in the boys U15 were from Agape with David Cai (14:32), Peter Wang (14:42), Bobby Zhang (16:08), Paul Cao (16:16), Joseph Rui (17:26), Kobe Yang (17:58), and Songhao Yang (18:00) rounding out the Top 10.

In the boys U13, Mt. Carmel's Dominic Torres bested 14 other runners after completing the two-lap course in 14:28. He downed Saipan Community School's Mateo Guerrero (15:13) and Dandan Middle School's Xavier Sumor (16:47).

Other finishers in the division were Agape's Frederic Guintu (16:56), Jerwin Mendiola (16:56), Mike Hou (18:18), Bobby Bao (18:37), Andrew Zhao (18:39), Joel Du (18:42), Marting Song (18:48), Kevin Tang (20:49), Jordan Omar (23:15), and Seth Seth (29:33) and SCS' Vinson Bacani (22:40) and Derrick Seo (23:55).

GMI

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GMI Market took the victory after playing better offense in the second half. It was behind at halftime, 37-43, but managed to grab the upper hand by the end of the third period, 63-60, thanks to Prince Factor. The former Marianas High School standout dropped 9 points in the third canto making up for his dismal showing in the first half where he had only one field goal and a pair of charities. Doseo chipped in 5, while three other GMI Market players made it to the board in the penultimate quarter to put their team on top.

Doseo then saved his best for last, winning a shootout against Ken Viray in the fourth frame. The Ace Hardware gunner logged 8 of his 16 points in the final period, but was scoreless in the closing minutes of the match.

Meanwhile, MGNEL Construction got its second win in five games after edging the Chinese Association, 80-74.

Mark Ferrer exploded for 31 points for MGNEL, while Gerald Laguindam and Jun Tabora backed him up, adding 14 and 12, respectively.

Ferrer was consistent in scoring all night, allowing MGNEL to control the game right from the get-go. He had 9 points in the first quarter to hand MGNEL a 20-12 advantage. The MGNEL shooting guard tallied 7 more in the second to keep his team in front at halftime, 35-30, while their advantage was stretched to 9 after the third, 60-51, as Ferrer made 6 points in that canto.

MGNEL's top scorer then finished the game with 9 more markers to foil Chinese Association's comeback bid.

Mii Tekopua and Zhang Chen combined for 50 points for the Chinese Association, which is still winless after three games.

Monday Game

GMI Market 85 — Doseo 20, Alipio 16, P. Factor 14, Romo 8, Tolosa 4, Banayas 4, Aquino 3, M. Sison 3, A. Factor 3.

Ace Hardware 79 — Brennan 17, Viray 16, Quan 14, Babauta 6, Lauron 5, Rosario 5, B. sablan 4, J. Sablan 1.

Scoring by quarters: 11-16, 37-43, 63-60, 85-78.

Friday Game

MGNEL Construction 80 — Ferrer 31, Laguindam 14, Tabora 12, Bisana 6, Aguon 6, Paragados 6, Asuhan 2.

Chinese Association 74 — Tekopua 26, Chen 24, Zhang 12, Huang 9, Hao 3.

Scoring by quarters: 20-12, 35-30, 60-51, 80-74.

TANHOLDINGS

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TanHoldings went on to widen the gap in the second half with Alan Hinson and Jonah Pohl contributing one goal apiece in the 44th and 72nd minute, respectively.

MP United FC 6, Kanoa FC 1

In the other game at the Oleai field, MP United FC also eased past Kanoa FC for its second win in four games.

Michael Le and Sun Joon Tenorio teamed up in the victory, recording two goals each for MP United. Lee broke the ice for MP United with his shot in the 17th, while Tenorio had back-to-back goals in the first half (29th and 34th minute) to give MP United a 3-0 advantage after the first half.

Lee then opened MP United's scoring anew in the second half when he found his target in the 48th minute, while Go Sekiguchi and James Kim registered the last two goals in a span of a minute (64th and 65th) to complete MP United's rout of Kanoa.

The losing squad avoided a shutout when Ian Maniago ended Kanoa's long silence in the 70th minute.

CO-ED U12
MP United FC-1 12, Paire FC 0

MP United FC-1 also gained a lopsided win in the co-ed U12 competitive division after blanking Paire.

MP United-1 improved its record to 3-0-1 to stay close behind division leader Kanoa (4-0-0), while Paire dropped to a 1-1-2 card for share of third to fourth place with TanHoldings FC.

Rohan Basnet led MP United-1's demolition of Paire after drilling five goals. Rintaro Miyawaki chipped in three goals, while Andrew Chung, Coume Kaga, and Dylan Kim added one each. MP United-1 got an own goal of a Paire error.

TanHoldings 11, MP United-2 10

TanHoldings foiled MP United's bid for a sweep in Week 4 after edging MPU-2 in the other match at the Hopwood pitch.

TanHoldings earned its first win of the season, thanks to Angelo Pulido's six goals, including the last two that ensured the victory for the team. Pulido had a string of fours goals in the first half, scoring in the 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 29th minute to power TanHoldings to an 8-5 halftime edge. Kohtaro Goto and Oliver Fajardo contributed two goals each in the first half to give TanHoldings cushion.

Dev Bachani and Sean Gil also knocked in two goals apiece in the opening 30 minutes of play for MP United, which drew one goal from Leopoldo Naraja.

In the second half, Fajardo completed a hat trick in the 32nd minute, while Pulido added two more in the 38th and 56th to keep TanHoldings on top and end the squad's skid.

MP United-2 fell short against TanHoldings despite making five goals in the second half. Naraja, Gil, Garrett and Tori Weaver, and Leo Takahashi scored in the final frame for MP United-2.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	1	0	.800	114	74
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	117	87
N.Y. Jets	1	4	0	.200	92	136
Miami	1	4	0	.200	88	119
South						
Houston	3	2	0	.600	82	104
Tennessee	2	3	0	.400	92	101
Indianapolis	2	3	0	.400	137	148
Jacksonville	1	3	0	.250	84	111
North						
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	.800	139	93
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	94	88
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	92	110
Cleveland	0	5	0	.000	87	148
West						
Oakland	4	1	0	.800	142	137
Denver	4	1	0	.800	127	87
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	83	92
San Diego	1	4	0	.200	152	142

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	4	1	0	.800	129	91
Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	115	51
Washington	3	2	0	.600	115	122
N.Y. Giants	2	3	0	.400	89	108
South						
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	175	140
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	94	142
New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	114	130
Carolina	1	4	0	.200	123	135
North						
Minnesota	5	0	0	1.000	119	63
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	98	83
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	119	125
Chicago	1	4	0	.200	85	126
West						
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	79	54
Los Angeles	3	2	0	.600	82	106
Arizona	2	3	0	.400	125	101
San Francisco	1	4	0	.200	111	140

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2016 Dee Clayton Classic

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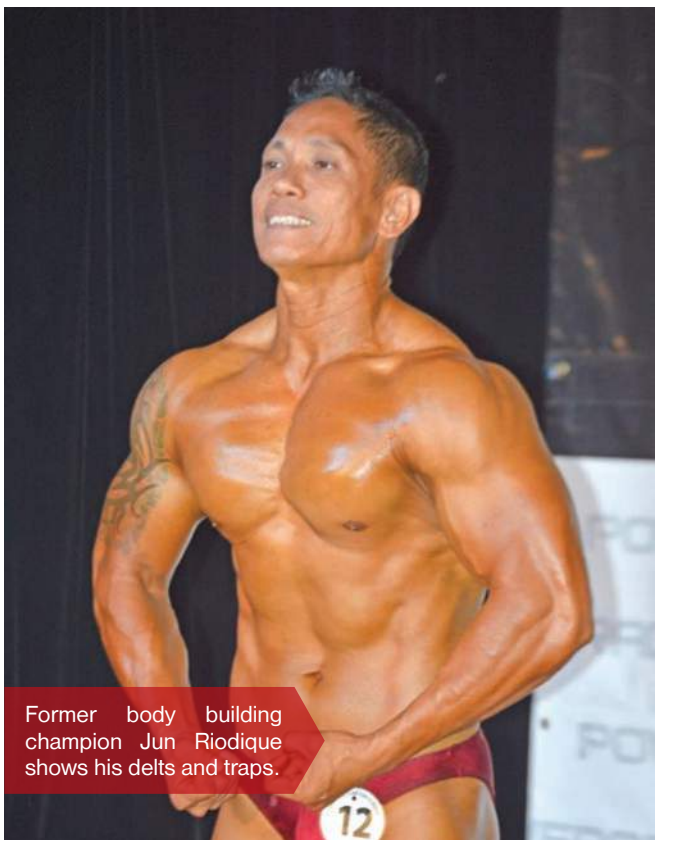
From left, Aaron Tomokane, Donivan Mendiola, and Stanley lakopo pose for the judges during the body building competition in the 2016 Dee Clayton Classic held last Saturday at the Charley's Cabaret of Pacific Islands Club.

From left, Vicente Salas II, Eun Suk Cho, Alberto Roberto, and Lorenzo Sanchez, show their physique.

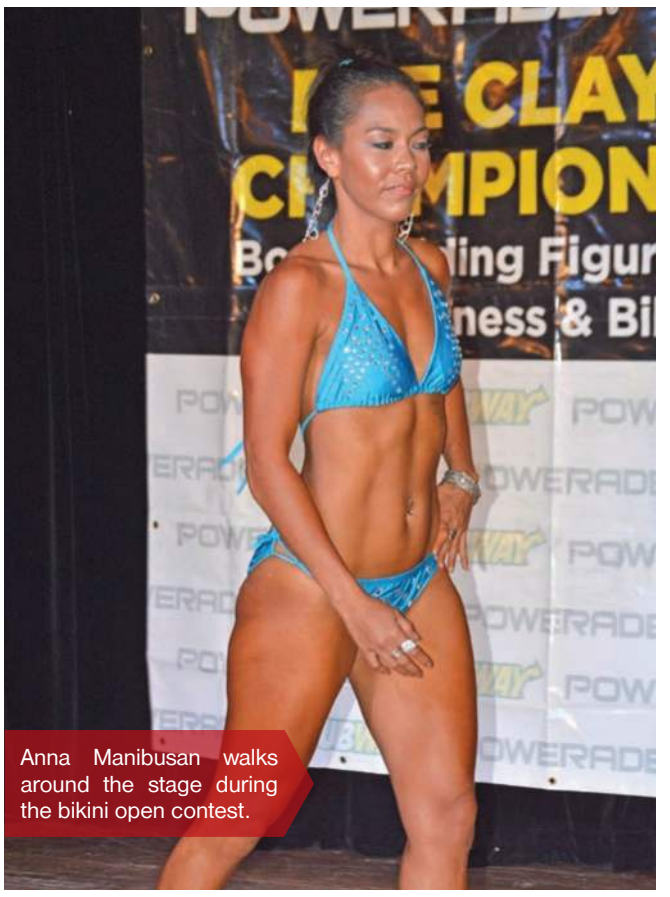
Donivan Mendiola smiles as he makes one final pose for the judges.

Jennifer Cui displays her form during the physique competition.

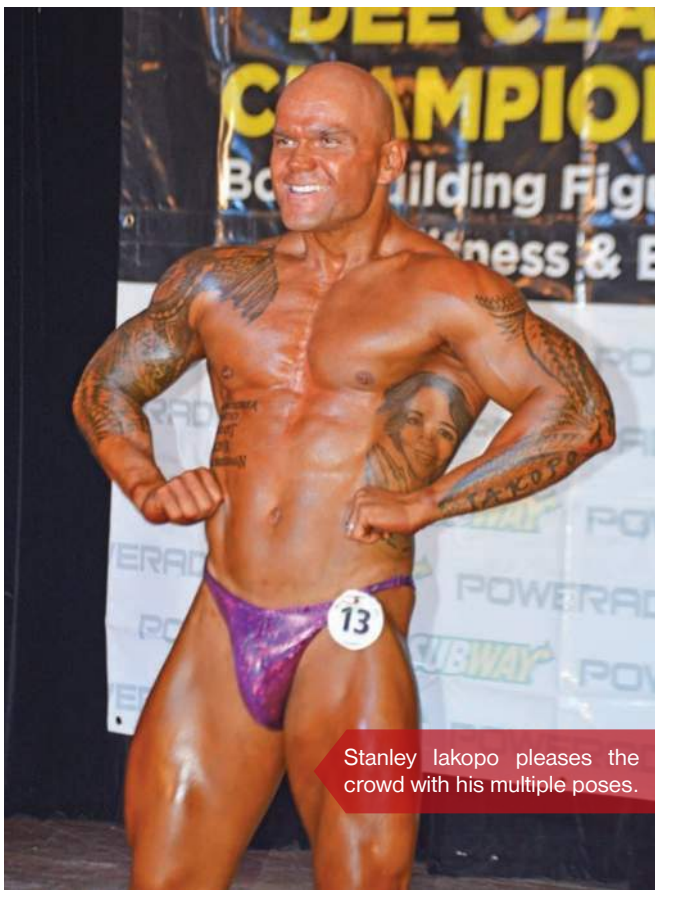


Former body building champion Jun Riodique shows his delts and traps.

Vince Aldan provides the judges another look during the physique competition.



Anna Manibusan walks around the stage during the bikini open contest.



Stanley lakopo pleases the crowd with his multiple poses.

Indians top Ortiz, Red Sox 4-3, complete sweep, reach ALCS

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TanHoldings FC keeps division lead

GMI Market, MGNEL outclass foes

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GMI Market ended Ace Hardware's winning streak after earning an 85-78 win in the second game in the Mariana Islands Basketball Federation's Inaugural Men's Outdoor League last Monday night at the San Antonio court.

Paul Doseo starred in GMI Market's upset over Ace Hardware, scoring 11 of his game-high 20 points in the final canto. Doseo also registered 6 of GMI Market's last 9 markers to hand Ace Hardware its first loss after a 0-3 start. GMI Market got its third win in six games.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
MGNEL Construction's Gerald Laguindam, left, pulls up for a shot against Chinese Association's Chosen Zhang during the second quarter of their game in the MIBF outdoor league last Friday at the San Antonio court.

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TanHoldings FC's Leandro Bichayda, left, and Paire FC's Saixian Bagsic go after the ball, while the former's teammate Alan Hinson looks on during the first half of their boys U17 division game in the NMIFA youth fall league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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TanHoldings Football Club retained the boys U17 division lead in the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League following a 6-2 triumph over Paire FC last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

TanHoldings now has a 3-1-0 win-draw-loss record to remain on top of the team standings, ahead of idle Matansa FC (2-2-0), MP United (2-1-1), Paire (1-0-3), and Kanoa (0-0-4).

Joshua Galarion lifted TanHoldings to its third victory after scoring two goals against Paire. He made the first one in the 14th minute and second in the 30th. Saixian Bagsic duplicated Galarion's pair of goals in the opening 40 minutes of the game with the former drilling his first in the 16th minute and the last in the 32nd.

Thaiphi Austria and Anthony Fruit made it to the board, too for TanHoldings in the first half and the former's conversion in the 18th minute and the latter's shot in the 36th handed the division leader the 4-2 halftime edge.

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Sweep for SIS runners

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Saipan International School ruled the girls middle and high school division races in the first leg of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

In the girls U13 age group, the Geckos had a 1-2 finish with Rei Sekiguchi clocking in at 16:00 and teammate Victoria Torres submitting 17:37. Agape Christian School's Elizabeth Xu completed the Top 3 after completing the two-lap course (about 2 miles) in 19:46.

Saipan Community School's Sedrei Camacho came in at fourth with her 19:59, while the rest of the finishers in the girls U13 division were all from Agape. The list includes Yolander You (22:59), Selena Pan (23:05), Debra WuSaiya (23:38), Tesino Wang (24:04), Cherry Liu (24:27), Gan (27:15), Vicky Ancheta (29:23),

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Saipan International School's Rei Sekiguchi, right, keeps pace with two Agape Christian School runners during the first leg of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.